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# Court rejects all Bar-On petitions

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected three pentions calling for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi to be indicted for their roles in the Bar-On Affair.

The four justices who ruled against the petitions - Shlomo Levin, Eliezer Goldberg, Theodor Or, and Yitzchak Zamir - said that Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein's decision not to indict Netanyahu for lack of evidence was "not exceptionally unreasonable."

However, they did not spare Netanyahu, pointing out in their ruling that the decision not to indict the prime minister falls within the gray area... In the opinion of the state attorney and the attorney-general, circumstantial evidence led to the 'reasonable conclusion'... and even to a substantive suspicion' that the real motive for the appointment of Bar-On was something unacceptable."

In a dissenting opinion, Justice Dalia Domer called for an interim injunction asking Rubinstein to explain why he had decided not to indict Netanyahu.

The five justices, however, were united in their ruling that the court should not intervene in the decision not to indict Hanegbi.

The petitions, which the court had decided to hear together in a marathon session a month earlier, were submitted by Labor MKs Yona Yahav and Yossi Beilin; five Meretz MKs, led by party leader Yossi Sarid; and Labor MK Ophir

dismissed petitions by the same appellants requesting an order that the police investigative report and the minority opinion to the Rubinstein-Edna Arbel report on the affair be published. Goldberg

The justices also took Netanyahu to task in their ruling on another petition, submitted by the Movement for Quality Government Israel. This petition, which asked the court to order Netanyahu to remove Hanegbi from his post or to shuffle his cabinet, was rejected by four justices, with Goldberg again

The majority ruled that the law ranted Netanyahu wide powers of discretion in this matter. But Goldberg felt that the fact Hanegbi had not told the cabinet of Supreme Court President Aharon Barak's objection to Roni Bar-On's appointment as attorney-general warranted the issuing of an interim injunction to delve further into the matter.

Although it turned down the petition, the majority stated in its rul-ing: The premier's decision and the behavior of the minister did not contradict the law. This does not mean that they did not contradict

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Attorneys for the petitioners await yesterday's High Court decision on the Bar-On Affair. Labor MK Yossi Beilin (middle, with glasses) sits among the crowd.

# Opposition: We won't let affair rest

Coalition MKs expressed satisfaction with the High Court ruling on the Bar-On Affair, and said they hoped it could now be buried, In another 4-1 ruling, the court but some opposition MKs said they would

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid went as far as 10 say: "The 'black box' [containing locriminatiog evidence] will be found."

"The Bar-On Affair has teft a heavy black stain on the records of [Prime

Justice Minister [Tzahi Hanegbi]," Labor Party faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen

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### PM said planning cabinet shuffle

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is weighing several major changes in his cabinet to allow for the possible appointment of former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman to a cabinet post, following the High Court of Justice decision not to order any more indictments in the Bar-On Affair.

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The prospective reshuffle of portfolios could result in Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi being offered another key ministry, a senior Netanyahu aide said,

"The prime minister is obligated to keep the promise he made to bring Ne'eman back into the cabinet," the aide said, noting, however, that Ne'eman's options "may not be limited to the Justice Ministry."

He said "it will be possible to find a role for Ne'eman to fill or to come up with some other creative solu-tion" so that Hanegbi could remain

This could open the way for the Science ponfolio, which Ze'ev Begin gave up five months ago, to be awarded to Likud MK Sylvan Shalom, the leading candidate.

Netanyahu evidently considered shifting Hanegbi to an alternate position of comparable status, but "did not want to undermine his position while he was under a cloud of suspicion, and the High Court's verdict had not been reached." the aide said.

"I'm very happy with the decision of the High Court," Netanyahu said. in his initial reaction, "I think this is a day that has made all citizens of Israel happy.'

indicating that he now feels that his energy can be redirected toward urgent national issues, such as the pursuit of peace, Netanyahu said; This affair is behind us, I intend to move forward and to deal now with the problems connected to achieving peace and security and economic prosperity for the State of Israel."

Labor MK Yossi Beilin, who filed one of the petitions to the High Court, stressed the dissenting opinion of Justice Dalia Domer, who believed that Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein should be ordered to explain his decision not to indict Netanyahu.

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# Researcher finds libraries

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oriented, so one can't always trust the information provided by vested interests, he added. "The Internet has opened up a treasure trove of information for

knowledge througbout the world. "good news" by economists and has fuelled speculation on a possi-It has become common practice by researchers of all kinds to turn to the Internet as a convenient source of information," Schwartz wrote in his article, to be published in the Journal of Internet

"But how effectively does the Internet really present these researchers with a representative picture of the state of human It is a foregone conclusion that the Internet will become the infrastructure for a global digital library, he continued, "but this is

### superior to Internet Many Internet sites are profit-

Research.

knowledge?"

Libraries are still a more accurate source of information than the Internet, thus students should not confine their research only to the Net, according to a Bar-Ilan University researcher.

Dr. David Schwartz, of BIU's school of business administration, compared materials on various subjects found in the world's three major libraries - the US Library of Congress, the New York Public Library, and the British Royal Library - to Internet searches he carried out on the same topics. In each case, the representation of the topics

For example, searching for malerial on Mahatma Gandhi, he found 1,502 references on the Internet, while a search oo Hollywood actor Arnold Schwarzenegger yielded six

### May CPI rose 0.5%

By DAVID HARRIS

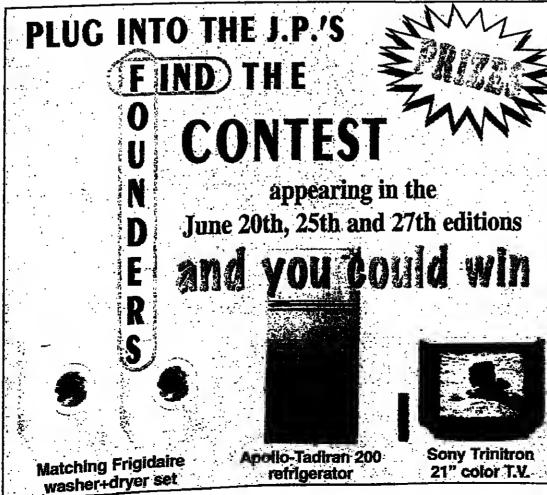
The consumer price index (CPI) for May rose by a lower-thanexpected 0.5 percent to 148.6 points, the Central Bureau of Statisocs announced yesterday. The data was welcomed as

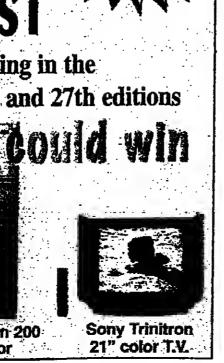
ble cut in interest rates for July. The annual inflation rate based on the CPI in the first five months of the year is 9.5%, within the government's target of 7% to

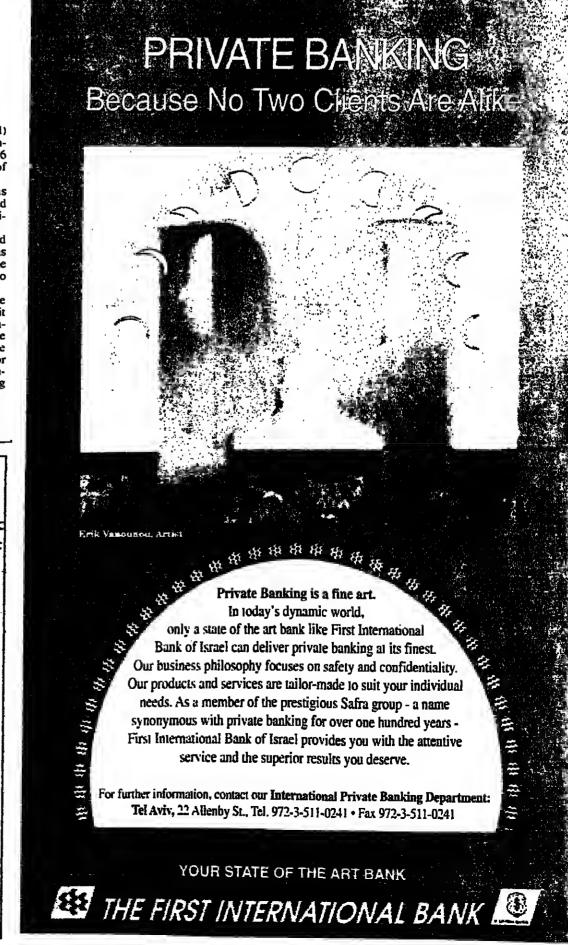
The principle price rises were felt in clothing and footwear, fruit and vegetables, and communications. With the exclusion of the latter, these increases are explained as seasonal. The major factor offsetting the rises was con-siderable decline in housing

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We extend our sympathies to the Rager family

# Hebron riots Romania offers to host continue

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Rioting and clashes between Palestinians and IDF troops and Border Police took place in Hebron for the second consecutive day yesterday.

According to the IDF Spokesman, one soldier and one border policeman were injured, and troops arrested a Palestinian rioter. The Palestinians claim at least 15 were injured in the riots.

Settlers claimed that 17 firebombs were thrown at IDF troops and Beit Hadassah. The IDF Spokesman could not confirm the exact number, but stated the number given by the settlers might be correct. Toward nightfall the riot-

had planned the rioting.

Arnon said there were no Palestinian Police present to stop the rioters and the IDF was forced to disperse them with rubber bul-

month ago, the rioters still manage

The Hebron community charged that during the rioting, the alternative route to Tel Rumeida it is forced to use until work on the permanent road is completed was

"People couldn't reach their two soldiers."

Meanwhile, residents of Morag in Gush Katif claimed late night that the Palestinians over Shabbat had torn down 200 meters of the fence erected near their bothouses. They also claimed armed Palestinians had taken up firing positions on the other side of the fence, facing

"We are worried they will try and force their way into the settlement," said resident Yafit Alon, adding that troops were standing next to the settlers.

ing was quelled.
"The Hebron Accord is based on a Romania has offered to host

By JAY BUSHINSKY

peace talks between Israel and

Syria, suggesting that other Arab

states also could enjoy

Romanian hospitality and dis-

Camp David.

cretion in a Balkan version of

Severin made the proposal to

Foreign Minister David Levy at

a meeting yesterday, during which he also urged him to sup-

port Romania's application for NATO membership.

Israeli diplomatic sources

reacted favorably to the peace-

making format described by

Deputy Prime Minister Adrian

string of falsehoods," said Noam Amon, spokesman for the Hebron Jewish community last night. He said it was clear that the Palestinians

lets and tear gas.

\*Despite the fence erected a

to throw whatever they want over the fence toward our homes," he said, demanding that the IDF take down the fence. "What purpose does it serve other than to make our 'ghetto' smaller."

closed, leaving the enclave cut off.

houses and those wanting to leave were unable to," Arnon said. "We were guaranteed that the IDF would ensure our safety, but the Palestinians constantly enter the H2 area. The only thing that separates us from the Palestinians are

the Jewish settlers and IDF troops.

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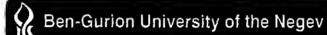
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who lost his battle against a bitter illness.

We bow our heads and send condolences to the family, and to the residents of the city Beersheba, whom he so loved, and on whose behalf he worked and fought ceaselessly until his final day.

May his memory be blessed.

Those who would honor his memory may view the casket in the Beersheba City Hall Plaza on Monday, June 16, 1997, from 1:30 p.m. The funeral procession will depart Beersheba City Hall at 4 p.m. The funeral will take place at the Beersheba Old Cemetery at 5 p.m.

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The funeral will take place after his sons' arrival. Condolences may be extended directly after the interment ceremony at the Sbitany residence in Jerusalem, Shuafat, main road.

His wife and family

Israel-Syria talks could boost Romania's case. eign minister. They recalled that Israeli diplomats the late president Nicolae

Romanian membership on the Ceausescu helped set the stage grounds that Romania constifor the Egyptian-Israeli raptutes a stabilizing factor in the prochement culminating in the late president Anwar Sadat's visit in November, 1977.
Not only does Bucharest main-

At the bilateral level, Levy and Severin discussed the feasibility of a quota which could regulate the number of Romanian laborers in this country, only 70,000 of whom are here legally. The idea is that the respective governments would supervise the

terms of their employment. The two also signed an agreement eliminating double taxation between the two countries.



tain cordial relations with Syria,

but its foreign policy always has been friendly toward Israel. It did not follow the former USSR's

lead in severing relations.

Severin's bid for Israeli back-

ing on the NATO expansion issue

was prompted by the US-led

alliance's upcoming conference

in Madrid on July 8. He evident-

### **Peres meets Arafat**

Former prime minister Shimon Peres meets with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Ramallah yesterday. It was Peres's second meeting with Arafat since last year's elections. At a press conference afterward, Peres said that Arafat, whom he called 'the Palestinian president,' dismissed 'all these stories that accuse him of tending to organize terror. These claims have no basis.'

### More fighting reported in Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE

Fighting continued in the security zone last night, fol-lowing long-range Hizhullah mortar attacks against several South Lebanese Army positions earlier in the day.

There were no casualties in the earlier incidents, which were concentrated in the zone's western sector. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Reports from Lebanon said the fighting resumed in the same region last night with more exchanges north of Bint

Haifa's Ramham Hospital for a hullet wound in the chest. His condition was said to be

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improving.
There has been a marked escalation in Hizhullah activi-

The incidents yesterday fol-lowed a clash between IDF dents in May - the highest in a troops and Hizbullah gunmen single month since March last year, shortly before Operation Grapes of Wrath. In the Rehan area, in the zone's eastern sector, on Cpl. Shimmy Friedman, 20, a paratrooper medic, was moderately wounded in that incident. He is being treated in

### ARRIVALS

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there were as many as 80 inci-

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"A man hears what he wants to hear, and disregards the rest," Simon and Garfunkel sang some 25 years ago in their hit song The Boxer." The reactions to yesterday's High Court decisions on the Bar-On Affair proves this point well.

The Likud, including the two heroes of the affair, Binyamin Netanyahu and Tzahi Hanegbi, looked at the decisions and saw complete and total vindication.

Opposition leaders, especially Ehud Barak and Yossi Sarid, looked at the decisions, especially the minority opinions, and saw enough moral surpriside and culpability to call for the dismissal of the government.

Five months and thousands of hours of deliberation and investigation later, the two sides stand exactly where they stood on the night in January when Ayala Hasson placed "Bar-On for Hebron" in the political lexicon.

So where is the truth that everyone - the media, Netanyahu, Hanegbi, Barak, and Sarid - said they were after? In Bar-On, it seems, we are left with no absolute truth, only interpretation. The public, depending on its particular predisposition, is left to pick and choose.

Netanyahu, according to his spokesman Shai Bazak, greeted the decisions with the words, "It is good that justice was done."



Tzahi Hanegbi

Bazak, speaking on Army Radio, was - at least in the morning - much more expansive than his boss. "The same people now talking about the minority opinion never came to terms with the decision of the voters to elect the prime minister, never came to terms with the decision of the attorney-general not to indict him, and now that a decision was made in the court, cannot come to grips with that, and are only talking about the minority opinion."

Hanegbi said he has no problem with the minority opinion. "I was very happy about every-thing the court said," he told Israel Radio. "It is said that justice needs



Yossi Sarid

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[April] decision of the state attorney [not to indict] as justice that was done to me, and now the decision by the court as an attempt to bring that justice to light, and show that from a public point of view, there was no basis to the petitions."

But, judging from the predictable reactions of the opposition, they may as well have been reading a decision from another hearing entirely.

Barak issued a statement saying that although he respects the decision, the public should to "lonk carefully at the minority opinion."

According to Barak, the whole problem was not a legal one, but rather a public/moral one. He said that Netanyahu should have resigned after the attorney-general wrote up his decision not to indict, and that the case should never have even gone to the High Court.

Labor's spokesman issued an even stronger statement. "Despite the majority opinion not to indict Netanyahu because of technical-legal reasons, which - of course - we will respect, there is no doubt that acceptable public norms and common sense obligate him to resign."

Sarid was the least gracious of the losing petitioners. "True, the prime minister will not be indicted under the present circumstances, but the public indictment will come. That indictment - public and moral - has greater validity today in light of the decision and the minority opinion."

Sarid will continue to have plenty of time to look for the missing piece of evidence he believes could link Netanyahu to criminal wrong-doing in the affair. Yesterday's court decision, with all its varied interpretations, insured one thing: The government will not fall over Roni Bar-On

#### NEWSLINE

With Yedidya Stern, dean, Bar-llan University Law School

#### By HERB KEINON

Immediately after the High Court decision on the Bar-On Affair was announced yesterday, there was talk among the opposition of another appeal to the Court. In the 1995 Nahmani fertility case, Ruti Nahmani, after losing her appeal to the Supreme Court, asked and was granted another hearing by an expanded panel.

Is such a scenario realistic here? I don't think that is a significant option. The Bar-On case before the court was a clear legal question; there was no new legal ground broken. In the Nahmani case, a wider panel was chosen because that was a special situation, where a sensitive issue was being discussed and there were far-reaching questions of principle. The legal issues involved in this case [Bar-On] are pretty common.

In the decisions involving whether to indict Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and whether Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi should be removed, there were minority opinions. How important are they?

The fact that the minority opinions are published shows that they are significant in terms of public interest, that it is important that the public sees why the justices in the minority thought differently.

Do you think that as a result of the minority opinions, there will now be a public outcry for a committee of inquiry?

I think the affair is over. The affair has passed through all the necessary processes. The government weathered criticism; it was shown that the process of decision making was faulty, but there is no room to bring criminal charges over that.

Should this issue have made it to the High Court in the first place?

In cases like this it is good that the decision gets the stamp of approval of the court, otherwise there will always be questions about the decision of the attorney-general (not to indict).

The police recommended that the prime minister and justice minister be indicted. Both the attorney-general and the court overruled that. Is this a slap in the face for the

No, not at all. The different [legal] bodies have different parameters [by which to judge who should be indicted]. The police have their professional parameters. If every case that the police thought should go to court ended in a conviction, the police could act as the judiciary as well. The issues go through various filters, which gauge them differently.

I think that this case is a certificate of maturity for the system. In a matter relating to the highest official, all the processes were employed - the police, the anomey-general, the High Court - and the system worked.

### Likud signs up 212,000 members

By SARAH HONIG

The Likud has concluded its membership drive and has emerged with a record 212,000 registered dues-paying members, making it the largest party in the country.

The membership drive was conducted over the past few months, prior to the election of delegates on June 23 for the September party convention.

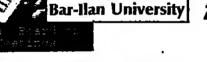
Labor's recent membership drive netted 166,000 members. In addition to delegates, the Likud members will choose officials, including new branch chairmen, who will be responsible for revitalizing the party's grass roots base.

The voting in the Likud-p maries will take place in 100 polling stations across the country, most of them located in Likud branches. The final results will be tallied by optical scanner at a special computerized center set up in Givat

Proposals to limit the party leader's authority in party affairs and return more authority and independence to Likud forums are expected to be some of the more contentious issues at the September convention. There are also likely to be proposals to do away with the direct elections system for prime min-ister. The Likud had staunchly opposed the direct elections system when it was voted on in the Knesset, though then-MK Binyamin Netanyahu broke party discipline to support it.

-Meanwhile, the Likud secre tariat is to meet on Thursday to bear Netanyahu speak on diplomatic and political issues.





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in brief

### Bar-lian to honor Sharansky, Havel

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky and retired Supreme Court justice Menachem Elon are to receive honorary doctorates from Bar-tlan University in a ceremony tonight at the university's Ramat Gan campus. Honorary degrees also will be given to Dr. Donald Cohen, a child psychiatry, pediatrics, and psychology professor at Yale University; Torah scholar Rabbi Yosef Kapach; German philanthropist Lorenz Cederbaum; and Canadian philanthropist Mira Koschitzky.

Czech President Vaclav Havel will receive an honorary doctorate in a ceremony at the Prague Presidential Castle on Friday. Jerusalem Post Staff

#### Infant dies at day-care center

A five-month-old boy apparently choked to death at his daycare center in Bat Yam yesterday. A half hour after feeding the infant, the caretaker noticed that he was not responding to stimulated called Mason David Address Toronto and uli and called Magen David Adom. The emergency crew that arrived could not resuscitate the infant. The cause of death is being investigated.

#### 12 remanded in Kafr Ma'ar murder

Ha'amakim Police arrested 12 people yesterday and Saturday in connection with the murder of Omar Salameh on Saturday in Kafr Ma'ar in the lower Galilee.

Atl 12 were remanded yesterday for periods of between four and 12 days.

The shooting of Salameh was apparently part of an ongoing feud between the Salameh and Aslan families. The feud erupted last year when a six-year-old boy from the Aslan family was run over and killed by a car driven by a Salameh family member.

Large numbers of policemen and border policemen were brought to the village to prevent rioting.

# Hospitals delay service reduction

By JUDY SIEGEL

Directors of the country's 25 state general, geriatric, and psychiatric hospitals have agreed to postpone a severe curtailment of services that was to have begun this morning. They did so at the request of Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, who asked for ome to negotiate with the Treasury over its 20 percent cut in hospital budgets.

Matza instructed his ministry's accountant to approve the hospitals' orders for equipment through July. so their functioning may continue normally. The Treasury wants NIS 197 million cut from hospital budgets for equipment and medications until the end of the year.

The Treasury issued the order because Marza declined, more than a month ago to sign an order increasing the per dient hospitalization rate, which the health funds must pay for their members. Matza argued that a hike would cause the health funds to collapse, because they have not received an increase in health taxes or government subsidies.

Matza hinted that he would soon decide to raise the per diem rate, but did not give a figure. He did tell the hospital directors that he had asked Finance Minister Dan Meridor late last week to freeze the cut until the negotiations are completed, but has not yet received a response.

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# Biran: Mideast arms race increasing

### Israel opens its Paris Air Show exhibit

By ELDAD BECK

PARIS - The Middle East arms race has accelerated, bringing with it the threat of unconventional weapons and long-range ballistic missiles, and Israel must confront these threats will an array of defensive and offensive means, Defense Ministry Director-General Ilan Biran said here yes-

Speaking at the biannual Paris Air Show, Biran said: "The IDF has a unique missioo which is to deter the enemy, prevent war aod convince the other side that he only place where a compromise and a concilia-tion could be reached is around the negooating table. Until that day will come, [Israeli] scientists and workers of military industries will go on strengthening Israel deterrence capacity.

NEWS

Biran yesterday opened the show's Israeli pavilion: 1,150 square meters of booths, where 23 manufacturers are exhibiting their products. The pavilion cost \$980,000 to erect; 75% of the money came from the exhibiting industries, and from the Israeli Export Institute, which organized the display with that promotes defense exports.

Under the slogan "armed for the third millennium," the Israeli exhibitors are displaying a range of upgrades, modernizations and add-ons, designed to extend the

lives of current defense systems. Rafael, the arms development authority, yesterday unveiled a new generation of anti-armor missiles, named SPIKE, which bas a range of up to 2.5 km, and is resistant

Rafael is also displaying the Python 4, an air-to-air missile considered to be the

SIBAT, the Defense Ministry department world's most advanced dogfight missile. The Python 4. which has been used by the IAF for several years, has already been ordered by two air forces and is being

evaluated by the Australian Air Force.

Israel Aircraft Industries is trying to expand its involvement in the civilian air market. It is producing in conjunction with the American Galaxy Aerospace, a super-modem business jet. Its first flight is planned for later this year.

1Al's Bedek division recently delivered to United Parcel Service the first Boeing 747-200 converted to a freighter jet.

#### ANALYSIS

### Hanegbi is more vulnerable than ever

By SARAH HONIG

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi seemed elated and confident yesterday after yesterday's High Court

He said that "oow of all omes, it would seem very unlikely that [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu would want to remove me from my post."

Hanegbi may indeed believe what he says, but equally possible is that his words are at best wishful thinking and more likely posturing for the showdown that he realizes could well be in the offing.

Paradoxically, the court's decision has made Hanegbi more vulnerable than he has been since the Bar-On Affair began. He was safest when the court left him dangling white it poodered the peotions against him. Even Netanyahu admitted this when he said that he would reach no decision oo the Justice portfolio as long as the Bar-On Affair was before the court.

But now that Hanegbi is no longer in legal danger, Netanyahu is no longer coostrained by the fear that he would be seen as abandoning a comrade on the battlefield. Therefore, this is when Hanegbi must watch his back.

He knows he was given the Justice portfolio only because of Ya'acov predecessor Ne'eman's legal travails. But Ne'eman was unequivocally vindicated; there is nothing preventing him from asking for his portfolio

Netanyahu's aides say that be would have an extremely hard time saying no to Ne'eman. Formally, the story is that he has not yet made up his mind, and that it is not Netanyahu, but Ne'eman who is undecided.

But one school of thought in the

Prime Minister's Office is that there was no chance that Ne'eman would publicly send any signal as long as Hanegbi was cast in the endangered martyr role. Now that he is safe, it may be a different

Hanegbi ally MK Sylvan Shalom warned yesterday against handing another Likud ministry to yes another non-Likudnik." Ne'eman is a political outsider brought in by Netanyahu in a quest for excellence.

Doiog this would seriously impair the Likud's ability to win the next election, he argued. Too many power bases have gone to coalition partners, and the Likud is losing far too much clout.

Shalom, of course, has a vested interest. If Hanegbi stays io his present office, that leaves a cabinet vacancy - the Science Ministry, relinquished by Ze'ev Begin. Shalom wants it, and therefore the last thing he needs is for Ne'eman to reenter the government.

To be sure. Netanyahu cannot scoff at party considerations. Hanegbi and Shalom were extremely loyal to him and he now has the bond of a shared ordeal with Hanegbi. Keeping Hanegbi where he is and coopting Sbalom may be the easiest thing to do.

But Netanyahu cannot ignore his promise to Ne'eman, and it would be politically difficult to renege, especially as many cabinet members are not fans of Hanegbi.

They will be unable to pressure Netanyahu, but he will not be able to ignore them if Ne'eman now decides to openly lay claim to his old portfolio. The ball is now in Ne'eman's

court. He is now in the US, but he will determine what happens next. The High Court has not made Hanegbi invincible.

### Mevasseret squatters remain in absorption center

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Sneaking in

Some 300 people who broke into apartments in the Mevasseret Zion absorption center over the weekend were still there yesterday, as Jewish Agency officials pressed to have them removed.

Members of the group had earlier threatened to blow themselves up with the apartments' gas canisters unless housing soluoons are found for them. The squatters claim that they have been waiting three years for help in obtaining housing.

"It's not like a hostage negociation," said

police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby. "We are negotiating with them together with the Jewish Agency and the local authority. They're not locked in with guns, with police forces surrounding the building, or anything

But Jewish Agency spokesman Eldad Adar denied the agency is conducting any sort of negotiations, saying it wants police to arrest the squatters and clear them out of the

apartments. We're not negotiating with them, there's nothing to negooate about," Adar said. "The

police need to take care of the situation.

"It's not our business how they do it, and what they are going to do. According to the law, those people broke into our property."

The apartments were being prepared for new immigrant families, Adar said, some of whom are due to arrive today, including a family from France with seven children. He said the squatters had vandalized the center, stealing electric fuses and gas canisters.

The first few couples started their sit-in on Thursday night, and about 70 couples joined them over the course of the weekend.

Mevasseret local council head Eli Moyal said the squatters are children of veteran

Mevasseret residents, mostly from the Maoz Zion seccion. Moyal denied allegations that he had encouraged the break-in, saying that he had tried to get the first couples to leave upon their arrival Thursday evening.

But yesterday Moyal issued a statement defending the squatters, saying the government is "forcing young people to break the law, and is creating a time bomb." He said the couples had been waiting to purchase apartments under the "build your own apartment" scheme, but that last year the program was canceled and oo alternative

### Acre protesters demand development status A be restored

government by false accusations."

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz), chair-

man of the Knesset State Control

Committee, said he would convene

the committee this week to ask State

Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat to

Zandberg said the decision "puts an

end to the attempts to take over the

Prime Minister's Office by means

Former Labor secretary-general

Nissim Zvilli said Labor had

"refrained from striking out at

Netanyahu and his government on

the Bar-On Affair until after the

criminal investigation was over. We

should have gone after them on the

Batsheva Tsur and Sarah Honig

civic aspects of their wrongdoing."

contributed to this report.

Tsomet faction chairman Eliezer

prepare a report on the affair.

other than the ballot."

An Interior Ministry clerk displays the dozens of passports confiscated in Haifa port that

belong to women who arrived here on one-day cruises from Odessa and Cyprus and never

returned to their ships. According to the ministry, most of these women are probably working in massage parlors. The ministry said in a statement that since one-day visitors need not apply

for a visa, it is easy for them to slip by overwhelmed border guards and sneak into the country

to work illegally. All the passports shown above were confiscated in one month. (Rosen Kedem)

By DAVID HUDGE

Hundreds of demonstrators yesterday closed and many businesses brought the city to a stand-

The protest was organized by a public action committee, backed by the municipality, to press the government to reinstate the city's priority A development status. The protests caused long delays for motorists,

while bundreds of pupils took part in the march through the maio street. Police did not intervene. Acre was like a ghost town with schools, banks, and businesses closed, and it will be the same again today)," declared Mayor Eli de-Castro.

According to municipal officials, as many as 5,000 Jewish residents have left Acre to live in

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"Even the minority opinion is

important and it would be better

were Hanegbi to reach his own con-

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy

(National Religious Party) said the

opposition's response "shows the

extent of its hypocrisy and its diffi-

culty in accepting decisions which don't suit its political plans."

MK Zvi Hendel (NRP) demanded

that Netanyahu keep his promise to

return Ya'acov Ne'eman to the

Likud faction chairman Michael

Eitan called on the opposition to

respect the ruling and "put an end to

the attempts to topple the elected

Justice Ministry.

clusions and resign," he added.

other development towns in the Galilee which still enjoy A status.

Land and homes are much cheaper, by up to access routes to Acre, where a strike of schools \$30,000 on a house, in development towns with A status. Mortgages are also easier to get and bigger and residents get 15 percent income tax reduc-

tions," said de-Castro. "What has hurt us most, however, is that the decision by the government to lower Acre's status from A to B has taken NIS g million from the education budget. This was the straw that broke the camel's back and prompted concerned residents to organize a public action committee to fight for the reinstatement of Acre's former status."

According to some of the protesters, homes vacated by Jewish residents have since been purchased by Arabs, thereby changing the demographic balance of the city.

SHUFFLE

"This means 20 per cent of the

panel thought this prime minister should stand trial," Beilin said,

terming the verdict a political

earthquake. I think today the counidown has begun on Binyamin Netanyahu's rule."

But the prime minister's commu-

nications director, David Bar-Illan,

scoffed at Beilin's assessmeot,

saying. "This is the first time in the

history of democratic government

that a minority opinion has been

He contended this is not a legil-

mate way to bring down a govern-

ment, which he conceded is the

opposition's legitimate objective.

characterized as a victory."

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#### Beersheba Mayor Yitzhak Rager dies at 65 Beersheba Gadoa educa-Mayor Yitzhak tioo officer, he established the

Rager, 65, died yesterday after a seven-month battle with cancer. He will be buried today. Rager was born in Egypt,

and his family immigrated here wheo he was a baby. His father worked Beersbeba's municipal engi-

Rager went to Yitzhak Rager high school in

Jerusalem, then graduated from the David Yellin Teachers'
Cotlege, and received a degree io international relations from Hebrew University. He also studied Soviet affairs at Hunter College in New York and at New York University.

Upon completing his studies. he served as an infantry officer in the IDF aod, as a reservist, commanded the regiment that captured Bethlebem and Gush Etzion in the Six Day War. He completed bis military service as a lieutenant-colonet.

During his career, be directed the office of interior mioister Yisrael Rokeah. He was respoosible for the law requiring all buildings in Jerusalem 10 be faced with Jerusalem stooe. During his service as chief



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and then served as general adviser

Canadian real estate magnate David Azrieli, and was elected mayor io 1989 on an indepen-

He is survived by bis wife.

He was also ajournalist, holding several positions at Israel Radio, and editing

1973, he was an adviser at the embassy in London, and founded the 35s, a Soviet Jewry group. From 1974-76, he was consulgeneral in New York. He organized the country's 30th anniversary cetebrations in 1978,

to the chairman of the Jewish Agency After that, he served as intercational president of the Israel Bonds Organization. He returned to Beersheba io 1984 as the representative of

deot list. He then formed a coalitioo with the Likud.

Prof. Bracha Rager, four chil-dren, and six graodchildren.

MOVIE REVIEW

By ADINA HOFFMAN

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CONAIR

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Directed by Simon West.

Screenplay by Scott Rosenberg. Hebrew title: Con Air. 100 min-

utes. English dialogue, Hebrew

subtitles. Parental guidance

very strongly advised.
With Nicolas Cage, John
Malkovich, John Cusack, Steve

Buscemi, Ving Rhames, Colm

nice guy, the sort of protagonist

we might resent for being a

goody-two-shoes Eagle Scout if he weren't played by Nicolas

Cage, whose natural bearing is so

gently off-center (and whose

broad Alabama accent sounds so

close to parody), we accept

Cameron and sympathize with

bim from the outset as a likable

goofball — the kind of strapping

action-bero who looks most com-

fortable when he sits in his cell,

contemplating the pink toy rabbit

he's traded for cigarettes to give

to his little girl.

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Jerusalem Post

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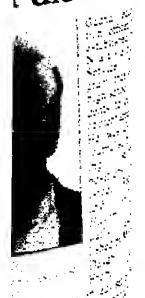
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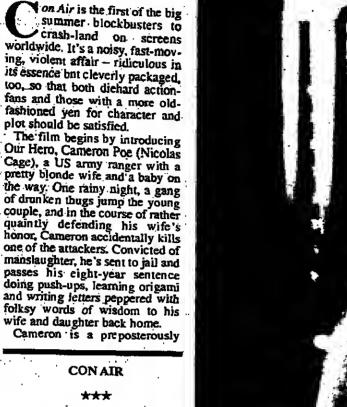


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was he not a good man?" Yet he finds it difficult to talk of



Good guy Nicolas Cage belps Mykelti Williamson, who will die without an insulin shot

This sentimentality, mind you, is confined to the expository sequence which takes place even before the opening credits have finished rolling. The bulk of the action is quite brutal and unfolds on the day of Cameron's release from prison, as be and a group of the system's most dangerous

criminals are loaded onto a special US Marshals Service airplane, scheduled to drup him off for his tearful family reunion and to transport the others to a new maximum-security lockup where they'll serve out their life sentences.

But the convicts - an uglylooking bunch whose flamboyantly depraved members include ringleader Malkovich, black militant Ving Rhames and Steve Buscemi, as a sort of boyish Hannibal Lecter -

have another plan; they mean to hijack the plane, kill a few guards and make a break for Colombia. Caught in the cross-fire, Cameron has no choice but to try and save the day, as well as the life of his one friend on board, a baby-faced diabetic (Mykelti Williamson, Bubba of Forrest Gump) who will die without a syringe for his insulin shot ....

Hijacked! A scare in the air

In the course of reviewing most films, it's typical to praise or blame the director, the screenwriter and maybe, if onc's feeling especially nit-picky, the cinematographer, editor, composer or production designer. Con Air, though, belongs clearly to producer Jerry Bruckheimer's oeuvre - if that's not too highfalutin a word to use for the slick, loud, testosterone-fueled entertainments he unleashes on the mar-

ketplace every summertime. The surviving half of the pro-

ducing team responsible for such hardware-heavy, macho show-downs as Top Gun, Crimson Tide and The Rock (his partner Don Simpson died last year of a drug overdose), Bruckheimer is no artist, but he does have a real managerial gift, a knack for assembling quirky groups of fine male actors, capable stuntmen. and crews skilled enough to carry out his high-concept outlines without innovating too much or veering too far from his trademark, boy-toy fetishistiza-tion of the sleek tails and crowded hulls of planes, trains and submarines.

In the case of Con Air, he's hired the talented young screenwriter Scott (Beoutiful Girls) Rosenberg, who writes lines that

are wordier than those of the average action film script. The dialogue does, of course, contain a strong dose of the usual profanity/inanity ("This is a situation that needs to get unf--ed right now!"). Bruckheimer's hand is evideot here and be seems also to bave helped formulate the somewhat ominous equation that says the bigger a character's vocabulary, the more pronounced his psychopathic tendencies.

First-time director (air-trafficcontroller is more like it) Simon West, meanwhile, does work that's serviceable if crude. The slo-mo kicks to a few times too many, the electric guitar wails indiscriminately, there are several bizarre leaps in logic, and the final chase scene down the Las Vegas strip is interminable. But he gets the job done.



Natan Dankner (left) and Oded Teomi in Ronald Harwood's 'Taking Sides'

### The peasant and the princess

By HELEN KAYE

play has to be annexed by the language it's m," says Ronald Harwood, talking about seeing a Russian production of his play, The Dresser, in Moscow that was like a Tolstoy epic. They had taken the play over. and every company that does my plays should do that. It's the hallmark of a successful translation."

The South-African-born British playwright was here recently to see the Cameri Theater production of his drama Taking Sides. He liked it so much that he saw it three times, and wants director Micha Lewensohn to direct it in other

countries. Taking Sides is called The Conductor in Hebrew because one of the two main protagonists is the great German conductor Wilhelm Furtwangler, the man his enemies called "Hitler's maestro." After the war, his compatriot (and acknowledged Nazi) Herbert von Karajan was rehabilitated, but Furtwangler was all but crucified as a willing collaborator with the regime. His antagonist in the play is an American army major who wants Furtwangler indicted as a war crim-

The play ends inconclusively, which is the way Harwood intend-

"It's for the audience to take sides," he has said in a previous interview. What the play talks about is the artist in a totalitarian society. At the end of it you ask was he or was he not a Nazi? Was he or

his work, because I never go back. I get bored when the work is done. 1'm always looking forward. People often don't understand how a writer works. I wrote Taking Sides in 1993, but it only came out in 1995. I'd written a lot since then, and I was a different person."

Harwood calls himself a compulsive writer. He is best known as a playwright - Habimah did The Dresser in 1988 - but he is also a novelist, essayist, biographer, screen and short-story writer and his first published work was a novel, All the Same Shadows, which he wrote on a portable typewriter he got as a hirthday present from his father-in-law in 1960. It's the first-person story of a Zulu houseboy in Cape Town who gets trapped by the police.

"I wrote it in three weeks," he says smiling at the memory. "I finished it one morning while my wife was out shopping, I had a feeling of exhilaration that I'd never had before or have had since. I could hardly catch

my breath." He wrote his first teleplay, The Barber of Stamford Hill, "immediately after the novel and I got a contract for two TV plays a year, Then my second play, Privote Potter, was made into a movie and after that, Darryl Zanuck gave me the screenplay for A High Wind in Januaica, 1 never organized anything, It just happened."

Harwood, 63 in November, is a courteous, soft-spoken man. He lives with his wife, Natasha (and they've been married 48 years), in a London apartment, escaping to their country home in Sussex for clean air and quiet. The couple has three children and four grandchildren, "with one more on the way," he says happily and obviously proud of the

whole lot. He is a past president of the writ-

ers' organization International PEN, and has been active all his professional life oo behalf of buman rights" "but very strictly on behalf of writers only, whether they're left, right or center,"

This is his third visit to Israel. He first came with a group of writers in the tate '70s and then again in 1995, when he spent a week at the International Book Fair in Jerusalem. The trip was part of his prize from London's The Jewish Quarterly awarded for his latest book, Home, which is "a very long novel based on the travels of mine and my wife's families over the world. It ends with them meeting."

His wife's family comes from the Russian aristocracy. She is a direct descendant of Catherine the Great. Harwood's family "is Jewish peas-ant stock. My father escaped the pogroms in Lithuania in 1902 and settled in South Africa." Much of his work is autobio-

graphical, Harwood agrees, "but I think that all writers write like that, consciously or not, because yours is the only experience you really have and then you transform it.

"I always have lots of ideas all the time and some take root. I never make notes because if the idea does take root, it will grow and the moment it does take root, I know whether it will be a play or a novel." His most recent play was last

year's The Handyman, about an 80year-old Ukrainian living with an English family who gets arrested for war crimes. His next play, Equally Divided, is about two sisters and a contested will. It's ready, but will only be produced next year.

Why! "Because to have a play a year is

### Moving the earth

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

vishai Cohen made a very A special local debut last week. The 27-year-old bassist played at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall within the Monk marathon of the Israel Festival. It was the first time the local jazz musician, who left Israel for the Big Apple, returned to play on his

Cohen has just recorded his first solo album, produced by himself and Chick Corea. He has also played with the likes of Wintoo

Marsalis and Roy Hargrove. Cohen, who began playing the piano long before he changed to the bass, was interested in music in general and jazz in particular since be was 16. He spent his military service entertaining the troops in the army's entertainment corps. After his service was completed, he began playing the dou-ble bass.

"After a year-and-a-half, I realized that what I must do is go to New York," he says.

Cohen has a very active musical life in and around New York these days. He plays in a trio with pianist Danilo Perez and percus-sionist Jefferson William Ballard, with whom he recorded the album Panamonk and with whom he will tour all the major jazz festivals in

the near future. Coheo also has his own group, The Avishai Cohen Sextet, which plays his own original music in clubs across New

"Chick Corea came to one of our performances and was really excited," says Cohen. "He immediately signed me for his disc company."

Oo the new disc, featuring Cohen's music played by his own sexiet, Corea joins in to play one number too, "and I am about to join Corea and play in his new ensemble, this is real bot news, it

was just decided recently." Coheo describes his music as a fusion of jazz and Mediterranean music with Caribbean [Puerto Rican, Jamaican and Cuban] music. It is a very unique sound, mostly because I have an oud player in my group, Amos Hoffman, who has played with me for many years. It is contemporary ethnic jazz which is quite in these days." Cohen is trying to change the

image of the double bass. "The '90s have brought a new aspect to the way people look at the double bass and its meaning, and I know my new disc will con-

tribute to this changing anitude. "For me, the bass has a meaning as a front man, everything is related to the bass, it is the core of the music making. I feel like I move and change the earth [when 1

### ISRAEL FESTIVAL REVIEW

### **Unbalanced Mendelssohn**

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's second contribution to the Israel Festival, at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall on June 9, was a Mendelssohn evening that had its ups and downs.

Orli Shaham, in her local orchestral debut, played Mendelssohn's First Piano Concerto with elan. It is obvious from her playing that Shaham is still developing as a pianist, but that said, she had a very clear personal imprint on the concerto she performed.

The final movement was brilliantly played, combining spark and brilliant technique in a delightful rendition. Shaham is undoubtedly one of the most talented young pianists around, and every local orchestra should engage her, and the sooner the better, because eventually it will be impossible to book her.

Mendelssohn's A Midsummer Night's Dream is a delightful collection of short movements not necessarily linked with each other. It was written as incidental music to the Bard's play and any attempt to present it with a narrator summarizing the play by reciting occasional lines from it misses the point. On this occasion, Claire Bloom was a very pale orator which never rose to the occasion and the level of the music.

Yuri Ahronovitch led the JSO with power and stamina, drawing a huge sound in the big numbers like the wedding march and very tender lyricism at others.

Altogether an unbalanced evening, saved by the very well balanced performance of the orchestra under the baton of a maestro for whom Mendelssohn is much more than an anecdotal composer.

Michael Ajzenstadt

of the muse

### Kfar Blum tickets go on sale

Music lovers who plan to spend this summer in Kfar Blum, at the country's one and only chamber-music festival should mark Friday June 20 in their calendars. This is the day on which the coveted festival tickets for the Kol Yisrael Upper Galilee Music Days go on sale throughout Israel, with organizers strictly main-

taining that no reservations will be accepted prior to that day. This year's festival promises an exciting program featuring several premieres by leading Israeli composers as well as some triedand-tested chamber-music repertoire. In addition to performances by local musicians there is one significant guest. Georgian pianist Alexander Korsantiya, who is a past winner of the Artur Rubinstein International Master Piano Competition. The Kfar Blum festival runs between July 26 and August 2. Music lovers in Blum festival runs perween July 20 and 122 and

### Rubin prizewinner heads for Moravia

Ella Osherov, who won first prize in the recent Jerusalem Rubin Music Academy for pianists will represent Israel in a music festival being held in Moravia (in the Czech Republic) through this month. The festival, which focuses on how different peoples can communicate better with one another, features upand-coming young musicians from all over the world who will perform in 13 cities in Moravia. Osherov, 19, who was born in Moscow, will play compositions by Barrok, Liszt and Shalit. One of her performances will take place in the synagogue of the town

Michoel Ajzenstodt

### Poretsky makes top 14 in Tokyo

Mezzo-soprano Susanna Poretsky recently returned from Tokyo where she reached the final stages of the Placido Domingo Operalia Competition. Out of the 700 singers who auditioned for the competition 40 were invited to Tokyo, out of whom 14, including Poretsky, reached the final stage. Poretsky, who by her own admission is not a competition animal, says "It was nerve-racking and I still need time to get over it. But it was a wonderful experience. Domingo was very cordial to all of us and even addressed me a little Susanna bit in Hebrew. He promised to try and help each and Poretsky every one of us io his career.".

Michoel Ajzenstodt

### 'Avengers' battle fire

A fire on the set of The Avengers, currently being filmed in Britain, damaged part of the roof and injured two firemen, fire officials said Saturday. Buckinghamshire fire service said 60 firefighters fought the blaze at Pinewood Studios, 30 kilometers northwest of London, for almost eight hours Friday night before it was brought uoder control.

Ralph Fiennes, Uma Thurman and Sean Connery are starring in The Avengers, which is based on the 1960s British cult TV classic. None of the stars were at the scene when the fire started.

Mission Impossible, Interview With The Vompire and The Soint have all been filmed at Pinewood in recent years.

### Dark side of the rainbow

US sales of Pink Floyd's Dork Side of the Moon have soared in the past month since rumors started flying that the spacey British band's 1973 album is actually a secret soundtrack to the 1939 American classic movie, *The Wizard of Oz.* It's the biggest hidden-message buzz since people spun their Beatles records backward to learn if singer Paul McCartney really was dead. Aficionados have dubbed the supposed collaboration Dork Side of the Roinbow, referring to the idealistic song from the movie, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

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### Beyond the bottom line

s befits someone with an MBA from the prestiginus Massachusetts Institute of Technnlogy, Prime Minister Binyamiti Netanyahu is acutely aware of the importance of the bottom line. And the bottnm line of the Bar-On Affair, which has hung over Netanyahu's head since Channel I revealed the affair on January 22, is that the prime minister has been cleared by the High Court of Justice of criminal behavior in the unsuitable, and mercifully short-lived appointment of Roni Bar-On as attorney-general, thus bringing the affair to its denouement.

In a 4-1 decision, the court ruled that Attnrney-General Elyakim Ruhinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel had made a "reasonable" decision when they found there was not enough evidence to indict Netanyahu. "The court will not nverturn an attorney-general's decisinn unless it is deemed extremely unreasonable." they wrote in their majority decision.

Not surprisingly, Netanyahu and his staff were quick to hail the justices' decision, labeling it a "victory for justice." Some even went so far as to claim that the High Court's rejection of the petitinns against the failure to indict Netanyahu and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi were proof that the whole affair was really baseless.

The prime minister is within his rights to celebrate the court's decision, and perhaps even to try and argue once again that the wbnle affair was a media invention - as Netanyahu did so startlingly, minutes after the attorney-general and state attorney released their findings on the Bar-On Affair nearly two months ago. But it is worrisome that the prime minister and his close aides prefer to bet on public indifference to government propriety than to work on ironing out the many wrinkles in this government's perfor-

As the justices explained yesterday, their decision was not a complete exoneration of Netanyahu and Hanegbi. "The court says only that the prime minister's decision and the minister's behavior are oot against the law. It does not say that they are not a violation of ethics," they wrote.

Bar-On's appointment, it should be remembered, stemmed from a combination of Netanyahu's desire to appoint a political crony as attorney-general and indicted MK Aryeb Deri's wish to have, as head of the country's prosecution, a lawyer prepared to entertain the prospect of a plea-bargain for Deri, which would salvage the Shas leader's political

The police investigation into the affair showed that Netanyahu was aware nf Deri's interest in Bar-On's appointment, but as Rubinstein wrote in his decision not to indict the prime minister: "The material presented to us by the police raised suspicion that crimes had been committed in the appointment of Roni Bar-On as attorney-general, but it was not conclusive and would not stand up in court from the point of view of criminal law...Problems of normative behavior are not necessarily criminal."

And so, as far as Netanyahu is concerned, the bottom line is healthy enough - he bas escaped indictment and his problematic justice minister has received a High Court seal of approval. But for the good of the country, the prime minister, after his night of celebration, should take a closer look at the balance sheet, for unless be delivers on his promises of clean government and the broadening of the government's decision-mak-

ing process, be will discover all too soon bow

easy it is to fall into the red.

### Russian roulette

MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

article of June 3 defending the

activities of the missionaries in

Israel and the threat that Western

cnuntries nr at least Christian

"Zinnists" in those countries

would turn against Israel rein-

forces the suspicino held by some,

that Christian Zionists have a hid-

He cannot understand why, in a

democratic society, missinnaries

should not be able to pursue their

self-imposed task and their duty as

they see it in convert the heathen to their way of thinking and to bring the "light" to the Jewish

people. He does oot understand

that, while one can be a Fretich

Moslem nr a British Jew, one can-

During the 2,000 years nf

Christianity throughout Europe and

from time to time in Central and

South America, Jews have experi-

enced expulsions, murder, rape, tor-

ture, forced baptism and ordinary

plain hatred. They have been forced

to wear special clothing and special

badges, live in ghettos and be barred

from various trades and professions in the name of the Christian religion.

or understand the shuddering revul-

sion induced in many Jews by mis-

sionary activity. He must be made

aware of the anguish and fear felt by

so many Jews at the activities of mis-

sionaries. The threat that he makes

that the ban on missionary activity

will turn Christian "Zionists" against

us holds no terror to a people that has

endured so much hatred and perse-

cution and murder over the years of Christian "love." If the attitude of Christian Zionists is conditional

upon us accepting their desires for

the Jewish people, spare us from our

"friends," we can deal with our hon-

JACK BARETTI

Mr. Goodenough truly cannot see

nnt be a Jewish Christian.

den or nnt-so-hidden agenda.

Sir. - Patrick Goodennogh's

Tronically, the government's poor economic performance in its first year of office may do more to prevent Yisrael Ba'aliva from causing a full-fledged coalition crisis than any pos-Netanyahu to reassess the appointment of a Foreign Ministry professional as ambassador to Russia.

has been named as the next envoy to Moscow. without its even being consulted on the move.

According to Yisrael Ba'aliya, the coalition agreement gives it the right to a number of diplomatic postings, Moscow being one of them. Yisrael Ba'aliya leader Natan Sbaransky, once Netanyahu's close friend but now quickly becoming one of his fiercest critics, was so incensed at Inbar's appointment that he carried out the highly demonstrative act of boycotting last Friday's cabinet meeting.

Netanyahu bas delegated his director-general, Avigdor Lieberman, to resolve this dispute, but a compromise is surely in the cards because Yisrael Ba'aliya does not have much of a hand sible promise by Prime Minister Binyamin to play. Sharansky's bluff has already been called once, on the Bar-On Affair, when despite his famous "10%" remark he failed to act on his threat to leave the government. If Sharansky Yisrael Ba'aliya is angered by the fact that a failed to quit the cabinet on that issue of princinon-Russian speaking diplomat, Herzl Inbar, ple, the likelihood of his party bolting the goveven less.

Sharansky knows that if he is to repeat his stunning election success next time around, he will have to have proved to his constituency of new immigrants that this government has bettered their lot. With little sign of an immediate turnaround in the present slowing economy, attempting to bring the government down now would, for Yisrael Ba'aliya, be akin to playing Russian roulette.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

### **OMAR GHANIMAT**

Six - I am wiring regarding your article of May 30 nn (alleged) torture victim Omar Ghanimat. It contained a serious error, stating that Omar Ghanimat is the brother nf Musa Ghanimat, the alleged perpetrator of the bombing in the Tel Aviv cafe. As Omar Ghanimat's attorney in the Israeli High Court, and as the attorney who represented Musa Ghanimat's family when their home was demolished by the IDF, I can assure you that the twn are not brothers. Ghanimat is a common family name, especially in the village of Sourif, where some 3,000 people have this name. Omar Ghanimat is 45 years nld and the father of seven children.

By associating Omar Ghanimat with Musa Ghanimat, who simply shares the same name, you effectively linked my client to invnlvement in suicide bombings and other attacks - a claim that my client bas denied repeatedly and has vet in be proven despite 50 plus days nf harsh interrogation and torture.

Under Israeli law, Omar Ghanimat is still an innocent man. ALLEGRA PACHECO, Adv.

Jerusalem.

Jerusalem.

### **EMPTY THREATS**

Sir, - Arafat must have had yet another laugh when he was tald of Mr. Netanyahu's latest declaration: Israel cannol ignore the killing of Arab residents of Jerusalem, just as it cannot look away from an explosion in a Tel-Aviv cafe" (June 3).

The prime minister's consistent failure to follow up with pronused action dire warnings which he repeatedly issues, is not only a disgrace; it has totally undermined the credibility of the government which he heads.

**BEN SHUA** 

Jerusalem.

est enemies.

### **EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE**

Sir, - Why does the gnvernment wave nff the extremely grave threat of earthquakes with the statement, "there is nnt ennugh trained manpower and insufficient funds"? This is nonsense, as thousands of engineers are immediately available due to a slnwdown in the construction industry. In every developed country of

the warld, the preventing of earthqoake damage starts at the very inceptinn of the project. There is a standardized building code, to which plans drawn by designers must camply. The government reviews the plans and only issues a huilding permit when the plans are found to be in compliance. There is regular huilding inspection hy government iospecturs during construction as well as tough licensing of contractors. Contractors are required to put up performance bonds to insure compliance with the specifications. Unlicensed cnotractors are subject to jall and fines. The wnrkers are traioed through apprenticeship programs in develop skilla to produce a high-quality product. Most important is that this entire program custs the gnvernment nothing, as it is completely funded through fees paid by the developers and contractors wheo they apply fnr

huilding permits. The City of Los Angeles, as an example, has all these measures in place and survived a massive earthquake in 1994 io good shape. Unfortuoately, in Israel, the recent swarm of "mild" earthquakes are warnings which nur government has chusen to

> IRA BRAVERMAN, P.E., Registered Civil Engineer

Jerusalem.

### Crooks & books Dry Bones

#### SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

The suspicion that Gregory Lemer (aka Zvi Ben-Ari) tried to hribe his way into the good graces of several Israeli political parties - and apparently contributed indirectly to Yisrael B'Aliya when it was first founded shnuld set off a warning bell in the ears of all those cnncerned

**OPINION** 

about our democracy. Part nf the problem is the way our parties are financed, plus the fact that most of them suffer from a chronic shortage nf funds.

Who is to say that tomorrow a wilier **Gregory Lerner will** not succeed where this one failed?

Both the Parties Financing Law and the Parties Law impose strict limitations on how and from whom parties may get their

Befnre last year's elections, Labor first looked into the legality nf Lemer's nffer of free time for the party on a Russian-language TV station, then turned the offer down flat. This shows that when parties remain on their guard and resort to good legal advice, the law functions as it is meant to.

Equally (as apparently happened with Yisrael B'Aliya) a party's motives may be lily-white, hut that doesn't help; if the party is inexperienced, it can get into hot

To complicate matters, the purity of our parties' mntives cannot be taken for granted, nor their regard for the spirit and letter nf

Of cnurse there is nothing new about parties using devious means to obtain financing nver and above their (increasingly generous) state allocation. It is hardly a secret that Labor circumvented the Parties Financing Law for years hy using the Histadrut to finance many of

its activities. Shas also learned to increase its finances hy manipulating accounts and shifting funds inteoded for educational and

social purposes to political ones. In both parties, institutional curnuption occasinnally took on a personal dimension, in Labar nntably after the primaries system was introduced.

BUT the Lerner phennmenon is tntally different in nature and magnitude.

This was no case of parties taking funds from economic or social institutions attached to them and diverting those funds to where they were likely to serve broad groups of their supporters.

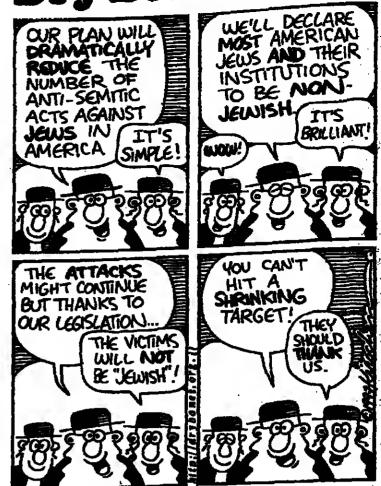
This was the case of a man accused of grave criminal acts, including theft, fraud and murder, seeking to finance political parties, thereby securing personal benefits that would help him continue committing those acts under state auspices.

Lerner apparently wasn't clever enough - or the police were clever enough - and il nnw looks as if Lemer's reign of glory is over.

But who is the say that tomorrow a wilier Lemer will not succeed where this one failed?

The scenario in which criminals gain control nver a political system, or at least seek refuge from justice within it, is more likely to occur in mtalitarian regimes or systems with prevailing anarchy (like Russia today) than in wellordered democracies.

However, to the extent that ideologies and values diminish and pragmatism and sectoral interests take root, the realization of such a scenario becnmes a possibility in democracies, too.



Twenty years ago, Israel got its first intimation of this kind of danger when the Polish-born Shmuel Flatio-Sharoo, wanted in France on embezzlement and fraud charges, not only entered the electinn race to avoid being extradited tn France but actually gnt enough vntes for two seats, entered the Knesset and transferred his excess votes to the Likud.

In August 1979 Flano-Sharon's Knesset immunity was lifted so that he could stand trial on electinn hrihery charges. He was found guilty and sent to prison in May 1981; but even though the Knesset House Committee decided in suspend his Knesset membership, the High Cnurt quashed the suspension!

The Knesset finally got rid of this man only when he ran again in the fallowing elections and failed tn pass the 1 percent threshold.

In the Knesset plenum Flatto-Sharon would read out his speeches from texts written in Latin letters. Nn one ever took him seriously.

But for all that he was a crook, just as Gregnry Lerner is a crook. Our political system should be immunized against the likes nf

The writer is a pulifical scientist.

# A possibly permanent blight

s we near the June 30 deadline set by the High Court A for hearing the case brought before it by the Masorti (Cnnservative) Na'amat, and the parents of cnnverted children, the politicians'

rhetoric heats up.

The representatives of the religious parties have threatened to quit the coalition unless the conversion bill is passed; and although compromises have been discussed, we are still waiting for some official, concrele proposal that would obviate the need for a court case and satisfy both the Masorti Movement and the religious parties.

The movement will be satisfied with nothing less than a method to ensure that nur converts converted in Israel are recognized by the Interior Ministry and entitled to the same rights as our converts from abroad.

What will satisfy the religinus parties is by no means clear. It is obvinus that what they really want is to cancel recogniting of nur conversions, an matter where they have been performed. Fortunately, the coalitinn is not willing to grant them that.

Prime Minister Netanyahu has repeated his statement that all the upheaval was caused not by the religinus parties, hut hy the Movement's and

Na'amat's bringing the cnurt case. In so dning, we are trying to "change the status oun." The religious parties thus have oo chnice hut to act as they are dning.

REUVEN HAMMER

We all know that the "status gun" is invaked anly when the issue is changing something the religious parties do not want changed, and never when it is a questinn of their attempts to impose new legislation and new

For example, the fact that the ministry has recently refused to

of the Interior then refused to register them as Jews, even though there is no legislation to prevent it.

OUR contention is that the law requires these children be registered. Such was our terrible sin in bringing this case to court.

And the court will decide who is right - the Masorti Movement,

The conversion bill, its potential effects and the motivation for passing it are all rotten to the core

register converts from abroad thus changing its policy of many years - is not considered a breach of the status quo.

What exactly is the court case we never should bave brought? It is a case against the government for refusing to register as Jews adopted children and infants converted according to Jewish law by the Masorti rabbinical court.

Fnr years the Chief Rabbinate has refused to convert children adopted by parents whn are nnt considered "religinus," creating a de facto situation in which nnly Orthodnx people can adnpt children in Israel.

In the face of this refusal, these parents turned to us, wanting tn raise their children as Jews, pledging tn educate them as Jews, and we converted them. The Ministry Na'amat and the parents, or the Interior Ministry.

Once again, the victim has been castigated for demanding his legal rights - to say nothing of justice and righteousness. And once again the representa-

tives of the religious parties are raising the specter of mass conversion of foreign workers as the reason for needing this law. Do they hnnestly believe that

the moment nur conversions are recognized we will convert 40,000 Rumanian workers who have no desire in be Jewish but only want to stay here and work? I challenge anyone in cite a single instance of such conversions by our bet din.

The integrity of our rabbinical court is above reproach. It is not the penple associated with our court who have been accused of It is unfortunate that the impetus

to find a compromise solution has come solely from the well-justi-. fied fear that this bill is dividing .... the Jewish people and causing a ..... rift between Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

Anynne could have known that . that would happen. There was no way Diaspora Jewry could have accepted this bill with equanimity.

But there is more to it than that. Amid the hue and cry for "unity," we should not forget that the real reasons for opposing this bill are to be found in the bill itself.

oly to one group within Judaism, further strengthening religious coercion in Israel is matter enough. So is perpetuating a syslem that discriminates against those wishing to convert and against adoptive parents, nne that places impossible abstacles in the way of Russian immigrants married tn Jews, nr children nf Jewish fathers who want tn

become Jews. This bill, its potential effects. and the motivatinn to pass it are all rotten to the core.

Should it pass its second and third Knesset readings it will not nnly divide the Jewish penple; it will leave a stain on Israel's democracy that will be difficult, perhaps impossible, to erase.

The writer is the head of the Rabbinical Court for Conversion of the Rabbinical Assembly of

### The unbelievable case of Amal

s the prime minister was annuncing his recent NIS 1.5 million campaign to raise awareness of domestic violence and encourage abused wnmen to turn in the authorities, a young Beduin girl was being sentenced by the Beersheba District Court to nine months in prison for stabbing her ahusive husband. The story behind this case high-

lights one of the problems nf domestic vinlence in Israel - the desperation, and often aloneness, nf the victims. It also points a questioning finger at the authorines. After her father died, Amal - a

pseudonym, since the girl is a mioor - was made the ward of a male family member (her mother is mentally ill). Amal's guardian proceeded in arrange a marriage fnr her, despite her adamant npposition.

Determined in prevent the marriage. Amal notified the welfare authorities, whn reported the guardian's plan in the police. Amal's guardian apparently did not care that Israeli law prohibits the marriage of a girl under 17, and that it provides criminal sanctions for anyone arranging such a

Amal did everything open to her. She contacted the social workers and the police. But the system let her down. Despite her SHARON SHENHAV attempts to nutify authorities of

appeals to all the right channels, the marriage went ahead. Fnr all the good it did Amal, the law against child marriage might iust as well have nnt existed.

Trapped in an unwanted and

illegal marriage, Amal was victimized yet again. She was locked in her room, hrutally beaten and repeatedly raped by her husband. Yet, incredibly, this girl, nnly 16

her plight and seek their help. Amal tried in use the law to solve ber terrible problem. The law, in effect, turned its back.

SOCIETY cannot allow victims to envernment officials do not pro-

Only 16, she made extraordinary efforts to stop her husband abusing her. But the law turned its back

years old, did not give up. She sought help from doctors, social workers and police.

And again, she might have been forgiven for thinking that the system was there in protect her husband's rights, not hers. The professionals who ought to have enforced the law, didn't. Amai went on being hrutalized.

Abandoned by the system, desperate and alone, Amal attacked her husband with a knife, wounding

One cannot but be impressed by this young girl's extraordioary

take the law into their own hands. Violence cannot gn unpunished. But when the system fails, when

tect the victims of violence - in this case, a desperate girl who begged again and again for help surely those authorines must

somehnw he held responsible. When vinlence against womeo and children goes unaddressed, perhaps the government itself, and not just individual social workers. doctors, nurses and police nfficers ought to be called to account.

Professional liability might be expanded; in this case, for example, those who failed to protect Amai could be required to compensate her financially for the damage she suffered. One wonders: Would the police

and social workers have responded differently had they known that their failure to protect this young girl might cost them money? Amal's lawyer is currently

appealing the court's verdict. Perhaps punishment should be reduced (or totally eliminated) in cases where a victim, ignored by the authorities, defends herself by attacking her abuser?

Enforcement does ont exist separate from the law. It is integral to maintaining it. Unenforced, the very best legislation isn't worth the paper it's written on: Desperate victims of vinlence

need more than slogans like Together we'll end domestic violence." They need the protection of the law.

Over and above publicity campaigns, the government should be increasing its support of services like Na'amat's new shelter and. counseling center in Tel Aviv. which provides a safe haven and professional counseling to victims of family violence.

The writer, former director of legal services for Na'amat in Jerusaler currently directs the organization's

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### **Greasy Kid Stuff**

# Washington Kidnaps Dick and Jane

By ROBERT PEAR

Washington HEN President Clinton and Congress clinched their deal to balance the Federal budget, Republicans rushed to the Capitol rotunda to celebrate. Sweeping up a little boy named Jose, two lawmakers hailed bim as a symbol of the millions of children whom a balanced budget would benefit:

These days much of the oation's political debate focuses on children — or on the oeeds and interests of children as defined by politicians and advocacy groups. From the battle over abortion to the war against Joe Camel, from solving the problems of welfare and health care to protecting the environment, adults are basing their arguments and strategies on the next generation.

Much of the concern is geouine and warranted. But children are also being used as proxies in larger debates over social and economic policy. Even as they take opposing positions, liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, ask, in effect: "How could you oppose me? I am protecting the interests of children."

Children don't vote, so they cannot reward or punish those who champion or ignore their interests. The very young - and those not yet born - cannot speak for

# Children are cute, and useful

themselves ("infant" means "unable to speak") so they cannot challenge politicians who speak for them.

tone with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, the first bill he signed; which allowed workers to take unpaid time off to care for newborns. He now wants to expand it so workers can be excused to attend school

. The centerpiece of the huge tax bill that Congress Is now writing is a \$500-a-child income-tax credit. To protect children, the Government has proposed new restrictions on tobacco, tried to keep hard liquor ads off television and radio, advocated use of the V-chip and

taining sex or violence. A new law seeks to protect children from sexually explicit material on the Internet. And Mr. Clinton recently toughened food safety standards to protect children against food-borne illnesses.

The techniques of child advocacy that were perfected by liberals like Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, are now imitated by many, including the conservative Family Research Council, headed by Gary L. Bauer, a former Reagan Administrathe interests of children to justify their positions. Republicans say that their crusade to balance the budget is waged on behalf of children, and that the burden of debt on future generations must be reduced by cutting programs for this one. Interest on the debt already accounts for 15 percent of Federal spending, more than is spent for Medicaid, food stamps, welfare and education com-

#### Shifting the Focus

Mrs. Edelman has tocused attention on poverty through the lens of children's needs. In her 1987 book, "Families in Peril," she said that the Children's Defense Fund had been formed "because we recognized that support for whatever was labeled black and poor was shrinking, and that new ways had to be found to articulate and respond to the continuing problems of poverty and race, ways that appealed to the self-interest as well as the conscience of the American people."

Wade F. Horn, president of the National Fatherhood Initiative, a nonprofit group that tries to get fathers more engaged in their children's lives, said, "Marian quite strategically, cleverly and effectively shifted the focus from poverty to children, knowing that people would be more interested in poor children than in antipoverty



### to politicians, in ways that adults aren't.

Politicians, of course, have always kissed babies to appeal to their parents. But Government efforts on behalf of children today - initiatives that strike responsive chords with baby boomers still rearing their own children — go far beyond such gestures.

Mr. Clinton, for example, set his Administration's conferences or to take their children to the doctor.

prodded the television industry to flag programs coo-



**Mitigating Circumstances** 

Seeking sympathy

sometimes works.

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Peace and quiet

Anyway, quiet.

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### Guess What City Looks Like America

By KIRK JOHNSON

EW YORK CITY often seems like some outrider to the American experience. By its scale and its reputatioo for excess, the oation's largest city has long cultivated an aura of prickly difference that residents and nonresidents alike have relished. New Yorkers gaze across the Hudson with arrogance and cootempt, and the rest of the country gapes back with awe, loathing and relief.

But the millions of foreign tourists who are thronging the city's streets, and corporations like the Walt Disney Company that are burnishing landmarks like Times Square into high-gloss symbols of American culture, are seeing - or marketing - a different New York entirely. Their New York is in fact a mirror for all that is so distinctively American: its multiculturalism, its brutish economic vitality, its break-

Hello? Will the real New York, or the real America, please stand up? Is New York really a place apart from America, or is it so American that we don't quite recognize it up close - or don't want to?

The answer is to be found in contradictions that increasingly define New York.

One hundred years after the consolidation of its five boroughs into one city, creating the world's first true megalopolis, the paradoxes woven through New York's economy and culture are pushing it toward a new and unfamiliar place: a New York that actually

resembles the country around it. For all its reputation as home to the avant



Village life endures in Manhattan. A Hungarian meat market in the Yorkville section.

garde and, in the past at least, to liberal local government, and despite what might seem in some neighborhoods to be an unusually high body-piercing rate, New York may be as deeply conservative in its institutions mostly lost across much of the country.

True, the city's size does allow individualism and eccentricity. But the nation's broad social and economic trends, whether in retailing or in spirituality, tend to start else-

and traditions as any place in America.

where and find their way to New York only later, if at all. In the 1990's, that pattern is making New York one of the last refuges of an old-fashioned America that has been

In a nation where malls and big-box retailers like Wal-Mart have killed off downtowns and transformed many of the rhythms of economic life, much of New York, for better or worse, echoes Beaver

Cleaver more than Beavis and Butthead. Family-owned businesses thrive. Central business districts are still places to shop.

There is, strange to say, still a small-town feel in the city's commerce. Local movie bouses serve local neighborhoods; multiplexes have yet to conquer. New York coffee, until recently, remained a weak brew bought in delis, long after companies like Starbucks had reinvented it elsewhere. This weekend Disney celebrated the world premler in Times Square of its animated movie "Hercules" with a parade through Manhattan that would have been right at home on Main Street, U.S.A.

There is a quaint, dated feel to many of the city's demographic patterns as well Despite the New York stereotype of the twoincome, cigar-puffing power couple, nearly balf of the residents of the New York metropolitan area do not work outside their bornes (think June Cleaver), a higher proportion than in any other urban center. That gap has begun to close in the last few years, though, bringing the city more in line with the national norm.

Sociologists and other experts in economic culture say New York, first in so much, brings up the rear as a trend-setter because of its history, money and geography.

The city was built, and cootinues to be rebuilt now as much as ever, by foreign immigrants. Immigrants have historically never stretched boundaries. They assimilate. They work hard and hope to see their children enter the mainstream.

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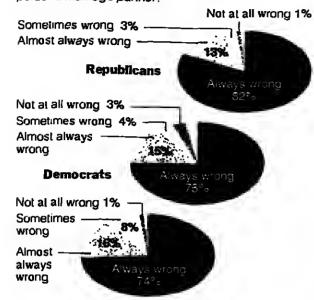
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### **The Nation**

## Suddenly, the New Politics of Morality

### Where the Public Stands

What is your opinion about a married person having sexual relations with someone other than the person's marriage partner?



Based on a 1996 national telephone poll conducted by the National Opinion Research Center.

Independents

By RICHARD L. BERKE

ANT to see a politician really hem and haw? Show up at his or her next town meeting and ask about the issues now dominating American public discourse: Should adultery be tolerated in the military? Should cloning be banned or encouraged? Should doctors be allowed to help terminally ill patients commit suicide?

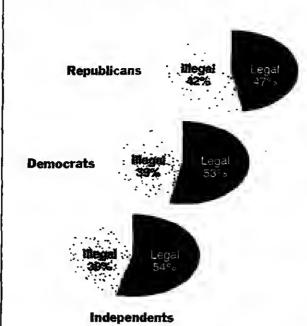
Most politicians do not have well-thought-out answers to these questions. The political parties certainly don't. Democratic or Republican position papers on odultery? Highly doubtful.

Politicians are at a loss in part because mixing the moral and the political has always been perilous. Such issues do not fit comfortably in the political areoa because views on them are so subjective and personal that they dely ideological categorization. And politicians have bad little practice debating morality without the templates of the cold war and economic ideology that until recently shaped political dialogue.

Dan Schnur, a former aide to Gov. Pete Wilson of California, a Republican, sald that when politicians weigh in on such Issues, "Republicans end up sounding sanctimonious and Democrats end up sounding hypocritical." Remember the firestorm Newt Gingrich caused in 1994 with comments about Susan Smith? He sald her drowning of her two children in South Carolina underscored "how sick society is getting," and that "the only way you can get change is to vote Republican."

Abortion is probably the prime illustration of how problematic, and incendiary, moral questions can be. As much as some Republicans trumpet their opposition to abortion, the issue bas caused great grief to a party trying to broaden its appeal

But moral questions are on the political agenda now in part because with the economy soaring there are Do you think it should be legal or illegal for a doctor to help a terminally ill patient commit suicide?



Based on a 1996 national telephone polt conducted by The Washington Post.

fewer old battles to fight. Just last week, the two parties agreed to cut taxes, an issue they've been feuding over for a generation. In addition, the nation is preoccupied with no war or great external threat. And so big cultural issues that people usually only ruminate about at family dinners or with their ministers have been brought to the fore - pushed there by dizzying technological and scientific advances and demographic changes, among other factors. If the parties don't respond to these issues — oow core concerns for many voters — they risk becoming marginalized and irrelevant.

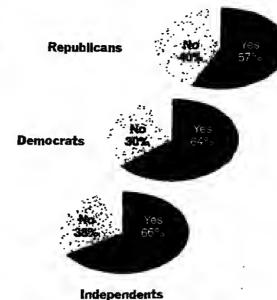
Increasingly, moral matters are being played out in political forums, and that may force politicians to take positions. Oregon voters will decide in November wbether they want their state to be the first to legalize assisted suicide. And last week, President Clinton, addressing an issue rarely if ever dealt with by his predecessors, called for a ban on the cloning of human beings. But he was more ambiguous about the cloning of animals and certain human genes for research.

Such issues could challenge the parties to redefine themselves. "When an election is about health care or the state of the economy you just get a very different set of alliances than if it is about the right to die or gays in the military," said Byron E. Shafer, a professor of American Government at Oxford University. "The public has a harder time making sense out of politics: If I knew your position on the war on poverty, I would have no idea what your position was on the right to die. If I knew how you felt about union regulation. I wouldn't have a clue how you felt about cloning."

### What's My Party Line?

You can make an educated guess as to the likely partisan positions on such issues. You might surmise, for instance, that Republicans, who fashion themselves as the party of the traditional family, would most strongly condemn adultery, especially in the military. But just the

Do you think doctors should be allowed to prescribe small amounts of marijuana for patients suffering serious ittnesses?



Based on a 1997 national telephone poll conducted by **CBS News** 

other day there was Senator Trent Lott of Mississippl, the

majority leader, defending First Lieut. Kelly Flinn, the

Air Force pilot who was forced out of the military last

month after confessing that she had lied to commanders

about her affair with a married man. And conservative

groups were noticeably silent on Gen. Joseph W. Ralston,

who removed his name last week from consideration as

chairman of the Joint Chief as of Staff because he

committed adultery years ago. Only women's groups,

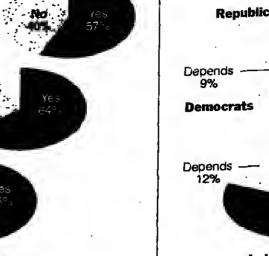
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tage?" said Celinda Lake, a Democratic polister, "It's

"How do parties use these issues to their advan-

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Independents Based on a 1997 national telephone poli conducted for NBC News and The Wall Street Journal. The New York Times

From what you know, do you think cloning is a

good thing or a bad thing?

break along party lines. Perhaps, in time, Democrats will see the "right to die" issue as a matter of basic civil rights, while most Republicans will condemn assisted suicide as violating basic American values.

Then again, such issues may never find a partisan cast. The notion of cloning seems to frighten Democrats and Republicans alike. And which party is about to endorse adultery? On the other hand, perhaps adulterers' right to privacy can be defended. But by whom?

Polis show that on a range of such moral and cultural matters, voters are divided not by party but, if anything, by factors like religion and the region in which one lives. (An exception: far more Democrats than Republicans condone same-sex marriages.) Voters may also be torn over the role of Government in these matters; as much -assisted suicide, they as voters may oppose phymay also resent the idea of ... Government telling them when they can pull the plug.

William J. Bennett, the Republican values guru, said that while many of the moral issues are not partisan, the parties cannot afford to ignore them, "These are issues that hit people where they live," he said, warning that politicians "are going to be asked where they stand," and they will oeed good answers.

The proper character of American life bas been hotly debated before in American history, and the test of a party is how well it can respond to a new issue. The Whig Party, for instance, collapsed from internal turmoil over how to address slavery. In the 1920's, issues like prohibition and the Scopes evolution trial were at the forefront of politics.

Ben J. Wattenberg, a conservative writer, argues that the moral issues that now preoccupy the public bave no place in American politics. "There is going to be adultery in the United States of America," he said, "and there's not a whole lot the Government can do about it."

Maybe. But when has the inability of Government to do something stifled a politician from speaking out?

Your feelings about welfare offer no clue to where you stand on cloning.

not easy because the bases of both parties have very strong feelings about these issues that are muddled for most Americans.'

Such a predicament was on display last year in California, where most candidates stayed clear of a referendum on medicinal use of marijuana, which voters approved. The only ones who raised the issue were local politicians who used it to play to their bases in overwhelmingly partisan areas: Democrats in liberal San Francisco could afford to play up their support for medicinal marijuana, while Republicans in conservative Orange County could score politically by emphasizing their opposition. But the issue was too cootroversial to be taken up by candidates running statewide.

Maybe the newly emerged Issues will eventually

### Pleading Circumstances

### Tell It to the Jury: The Killer Is Not a Demon

By KEVIN SACK

N a courtroom in Denver last week, defense attorneys portrayed Timothy J. McVeigh as a carefree youngster and dutiful soldier whose patriotism was transformed into something unpredictably dark by the billowing fires of Waco.

Across the country in Trenton, lawyers for the sexmurderer Jesse K. Timmendequas spent the week depicting their client as the product of a horrific childhood marked by rape, incest, alcoholism and deprivation.

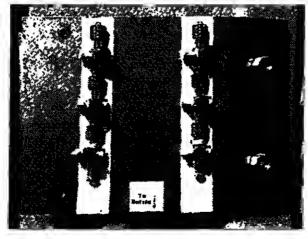
The two tales could not have been more different, but the legal strategy behind their telling was the same. In both cases, lawyers hoped to convince jurors that the murderous behavior of their clients was influenced by external forces: the Government's abuse of power in one instance, a parent's abuse in the other.

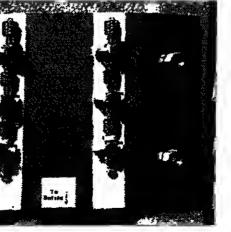
In the jargon of the courtroom, these are mitigating circumstances. Their purpose is not to excuse a killer's actions but to explain them, and to humanize the defeodant in the process. As Mr. McVeigh's lawyer Stepheo Jones asserted in his closing argument Thursday, the aim is to show that the defendant "is not a demon,

though surely his act was demonic." The next day, the jurors turned away that desperate attempt to spare Mr. McVeigh's life. And their decision to return a death sentence illustrates what defense lawyers say are the most and least effective strategies for presenting mitigating evidence.

What works is testimony that leads jurors to understand the psychological, emotional and cultural factors that may have compromised a killer's values. Because Mr. McVelgh's childhood apparently was quite normal, bis lawyers were left to argue that his judgment was clouded by anti-government politics. And Mr. McVeigh did nothing during the trial to accept responsibility or show remorse, which lawyers say can move a jury to compassion. His lawyers tried a tactic that almost never works - shifting the blame. "While you always point to external forces, you never want to say it's something else's fault," said Bryan A. Stevenson, director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a nonprofit group in Montgomery, Ala., that represents death penalty defendants. You just want the jury to appreciate that each of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done."

Once a jury returns a first-degree murder conviction, mitigating circumstances are virtually the only tools available to spare a defendant. Ruling in the late 1970's and early 1980's, the Supreme Court made it clear that juries in capital cases have to hear evidence that





Lethal injection flows from one of three intravenous tubes at San Quentin, at left, and the Federal prison death chamber in in Terre Haute, Ind., nearest Oklahoms

may mitigate against the death penalty.

This evidence is also crucial, argues Craig Haney, a professor of psychology at the University of California at Santa Cruz, in countering oce-dimensional media images of murderers as the incarnation of evil, like Hannibal Lechter in "Silence of the Lambs." "There is almost always a direct correlation between the horror of the crime and the borror of the life," Mr. Haney said.

Prosecutors, not surprisingly, are skeptical. "If you buy that, then you buy that there is no accountability, that everybody can find somebody else to blame for their actions," said District Attorney Thomas Charron Cobb County, Ga., who has tried 40 capital cases. Mitigating evidence is inteoded to force jurors to

take the full measure of a defendant's life. It takes juries beyond narrow issues of evidence to struggle with broader questions of philosophy, psychology and mercy.
While each death penalty state, and the Federal Government, has its own laws governing capital punishmeot, each bas a process that allows the defense broad

leeway in presenting mitigating circumstances. Typically, a distinct sentencing phase of the trial is held after a jury convicts a defendant of first-degree murder. In order for a jury to impose the death penalty, it first must find at least one statutorily defined aggravating circumstance, like the commission of murder in the course of another felony. Then it must unanimously determine that the aggravating circumstances outweigh the mitigating circumstances. Statutes in many

states specify a number of mitigating circumstances like the presence of "extreme emotional disturbance" or the lack of a previous criminal record. But they do not restrict the kind of evidence the defeose can introduce.

Defense lawyers say vigorous presentation of mitigating evidence can make a big difference. In 1977, a jury in Columbus, Ga., sentenced William Anthooy Brooks to death for the rape and murder of a young woman after hearing mitigating testimony only from Mr. Brooks's mother and two sisters. Eight years later, his conviction was reversed on another ground. In a new trial, a new lawyer, Stephen B. Bright, called 15 witnesses who presented vivid testimony about Mr. Brooks's abuse as a child. The jury imposed a life sentence.

### Childhood Stories

In Mr. Timmendequas's trial, his lawyers sought to link his 1994 murder and sexual assault of 7-year-old Megan Kanka to their claims that he was sexually abused as a child by his father. They elicited testimony about a mother who bore 10 children by seven men, and about a father who once slaughtered Mr. Timmendequas's pet rabbit and then forced his children to eat it.

The case presented by Mr. McVeigh's lawyers was less conventional. Rarely does the defense spin a tale of normalcy, of the well-adjusted country boy who always greeted his godmother with a hug and who impressed Army superiors with his discipline and drive.

But that foundation was necessary to demonstrate: the stark change in Mr. McVeigh ostensibly brought on by the attack by Federal agents on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Tex., on April 19, 1993. It was in anger at the Government, the defense suggested, that Mr. McVeigh hombed the Federal Building in Oklahoma City exactly two years later, killing 168 people.

Among the mitigating factors jurors weighed they unanimously accepted that Mr. McVeigh believed the Federal government was responsible for deaths at Waco But they unanimously rejected the idea that be is "a good and loyal friend" and believed deeply in fundamental American ideals.

In discussing Waco, one of Mr. McVeigh's lawyers, Richard Burr, also told the jurors, "We all bear some responsibility for Oklahoma City," a statement de-nounced by many as outrageous. And in acknowledging Mr. McVeigh's "demonic" act, Mr. Jones effectively. admitted culpability that he had denied during the guilt phase of the trial Mr. Jones's statement was as close as the defense came to presenting what many lawyers believe is the most important of all mitigating circum-

"If you don't have remorse for taking another person's life, the jury's going to see you as an animal," said David B. Freedman, a North Carolina lawyer who represented defendants in six death penalty cases. they're not going to have any problem taking the life of an

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### The Nation

# A Rose-Colored View of Race



Jonathan Levin's slaying is, so far, a case free of racial enmity. A Taft High School student holds a front-page picture of the teacher.

By STEVEN A. HOLMES.

WASHINGTON IGHT years ago, a 29-year-old white woman jogging at night in New York's Central Park was chased down, beaten and raped by seven black and Hispanic youths. Their arrests, trials and convictions brought a torrent of invective and hand-wringing over the state of race relations in the city. Supporters of the suspects charged that the case had been trumped up by a racist criminal justice system determined to convict African American and Hispanic youths.

This month, two young black men were charged with robbing and murdering Jonathan Levin, a white teacher at a predominantly black and Hispanic high school in the Bronx. The reaction so far from black politicians and civic leaders to this potentially racially charged case has been silence.

The responses to the two cases go beyond questions of evidence or police conduct. The differences seem to reflect the general change of racial climate; not only in New. York but across the country. After years of accusations exchanged — racism, anti-Semitism, insensitivity, laziness, bigotry, arrogance or just plain bad manners - a curious new element seems to have descended over America's roiling racial landscape:

It is a tranquillity that seems more relative than absolute, possibly more temporary than enduring, and largely grounded in resignation rather than reconciliation. Still, as President Clinton addressed the nation yesterday about the state of race relations, there is evidence that he chose a moment far calmer than just a few years ago.

"This is a good time for a lot of people," said Michael Meyers, head of the New York Civil Rights Commission. "You can't argue against the facts. We have made a whole lot of progress in race relations, and we have to acknowledge that."

#### Satisfaction

For now, no cities are burning. No divisive events like the O. J. Simpson trial are preoccupying Americans, Among African-Americans overall, income, life expectancy and employment have been rising. Figures like Colin Powell, Oprah Winfrey, : Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods are idolized by whites, blacks, Hispanics and Asians alike. A Gallun poll released last week showed remarkably high levels of satisfaction among blacks and tolerance among whites.

In some ways the climate makes Mr. Clinton's appeal for racial healing, while important, sound addly out of sync. "Typically speaking, Presidents talk about the race question in times of a real, overt, no questionabout-it civil strife type of emergency," said Randall Kennedy, a professor at Harvard

Law School. "This is not that moment."

But if peace abounds, it is also fraught with paradoxes, and the pessimists have fodder of their own. Unemployment rates in the poorest neighborhoods have barely budged. Disparities in the quality of education persist. Hispanic people, especially, are losing ground. As more blacks move into the middle class and their contacts with whites increase, their doubts that racial harmony can be achieved have only grown. And many blacks are quietly seething over the scaling back of affirmative action programs.

'The climate feels like one of retrenchment, and quite possibly quite severe retrenchment in terms of civil rights," said Lawrence Bobo, a professor of sociology al the University of California at Los Angeles.

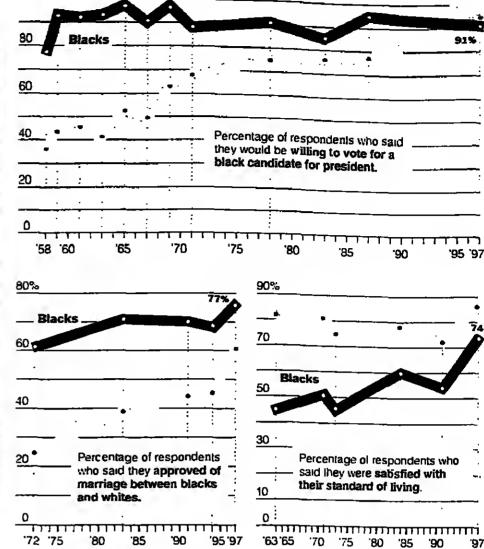
As James Carville or Karl Marx would no doubt say if asked the underlying reason for the placid face of race relations: it's the economy, stupid. Indeed, the jobless rate among blacks, while still twice that of whites, has hovered around 10 percent since 1994, the longest period of sustained relatively low black unemployment in 20 years.

"A lot of ordinary folks are benefiting tremendously from one of the best economies we have had in memory," said Milton Morris, former vice president of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. which studies race-related issues. "And the black community is benefiting substantially from that"

In these good times, blacks are expressing

#### Hopeful Signs

A new national survey revealed widespread pessimism among Americans on race relations, but there was cause for optimism, especially when the responses to some questions were compared with results from earlier polls



Based on national polls conducted by the Gallup Organization. The most recent poll was conducted by telephone Jan. 4-Feb. 28 with 1,269 blacks and 1,680 whites

The New York Time:

satisfaction with their circumstances that belies the gloom-and-doom scenarios olten sketched by leaders of liberal civil rights groups. In the far-reaching poll by the Gallup Organization, 74 percent of black respondents sald they were satisfied both with the way things were going in their personal lives and with their standard of living.

#### Voting and Marriage

The Gallup poll also pointed to leveis of acceptance and tolerance among whites that are unprecedented. In the survey, 93 percent of whites - a higher percentage than African-Americans - said they would be willing 10 vote for a black candidate for President. And 61 percent of whites said they approved of Interracial marriages, the highest level since the polling firm began asking this question in 1972 - when only 25 percent of

whites were approving. Some skeptics scoff that these findings are the result of people parroting what they think other measures of acceptance: five African-Americans won re-election to the House last year in majority white districts, for example. after the Supreme Court invalidated their old districts, which had been deliberately drawn to create black majorities.

Still, there are some underlying reasons for the relative calm that do not necessarily augur well for the future. One is the demoralized and disorganized state of liberal civil rights groups, which have failed to rally opposition to a conservative tide that is reshaping public policy in three areas that are racial flash points: crime, welfare and affirmative action.

"They're winning," said Mr. Meyers. "They've cut welfare, They're tough on crime, and affirmative action is out the window. Of course things are quiet."

Perhaps most worrisome in the poll was the finding that even if things are relatively good on the racial front, whites and blacks do not feel they will get much better. Fifty-eight percent of the whites and 54 percent of black respondents said they felt race relations will always be a problem in this country; in 1963, 44 percent of whites and 26 percent of blacks held that view. Such a finding may indicate that as the nation approaches the end of the ntury what remains apparent, to paraphrase the Kerner Commission in its report almost 30 years ago, is two societies, still separate, still unequal, and, if bappier with their lot, more than ever feeling that things are about as good as they're going to get.

### Freewheeling Freedom

### Appalled by Risk, Except in the Car

By MATTHEW L. WALD

WASHINGTON ROM Alar on apples to cyanide in Chilean grapes to flammable cargo in the holds of airplanes, the question about risk is often: how much should be imposed on people?

Here's a tougher one: how much risk should people be allowed to impose on themseives? The answer seems to be: the sky's the limit as long as it involves their cars.

Cars are a prime American symbol of personal freedom, and politicians propose limits oo them at their peril. Last week the National Transportation Safety Board recommended that states toughen laws to insure seat-belt use and keep children out of the front seat. The Issue isn't safety versus money: Unlike new equipment for planes, buckling up or putting a child in the back is free. The issue is safety versus freedom.

Take, for example, current law regarding seat belts, which cut the risk of death almost in half. Although the Government has required them in cars since the early 1970's and 49 states require their use - 36 states forbid the police to stop drivers just because they or front-seat passengers are unbelted. The officer must first see what is considered a more serious violation, like a burned-out

In many stales the only law that police cannot routinely enforce is the seat best law. Legislatures debate every year whether

to strengthen their laws. Only the most compelling events move them to act. In Oklahoma this year, a bill toughening requirements for children under 18 seemed destined for defeat again until mid-May, when a hospital trauma nurse testified that she had flown on a helicopter to the scene of a two-car accident. Even before landing, she saw that two unbelted people bad been thrown from one of the cars. The nurse rushed to one victim and, finding him dead, she headed for the other. She immediately recognized the child by his shoes. It was her

son, also killed in the crash. Her story shocked the legislature into changing state law. But in Illinois, where the death toil from not wearing seat belts was similar but there was no such dramatic tale,



Woody Allen gapes as Tony Roberts shields himself from the sun in "Annie Hall."

politicians voted down a bill last month. And just as the states do not dictate to people what they may do in the sacred precincts of their cars, they also do not tell them how to handle their children there. They all require baby seats. But the laws governing older children are a muddle and

in many states weak and weakly enforced. "Parents who let their kids go around inside a car unbelted, well, it borders on child abuse," said R. David Pittle, vice president and technical director of Consumers Union, which publishes Consumer Reports. "It's like letting a kid play in traffic. It's about that irresponsible."

But It happens all the time.

### A Free Lunch

The dichotomy between risks that are imposed and those for which individuals volunteer became clear last week, when the Federal Aviation Administration, responding to last year's Valujet crash, proposed a rule to make airlines install smoke detectors and fire suppression systems in the cargo holds of 3,700 jets at a cost of up to \$75,000 each. The airline industry asked for the rule, even though its officials say the chance of a fire in sucb holds is about 1 for every 40 million departures. They wanted uniform regulation on an issue of considerable public anxiety.

On the other hand, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board complained that every day highway deaths equal the 110 killed in the Valujet crash. One quarter would be saved if all wore seat belts,

he sald, and it costs nothing.

In fact, it is less a free lunch than it is a lunch the public would be paid to eat. If the amount of people wearing belts rose to 85 percent from the current 68 percent, according to the safety board, 4,200 fewer people would die yearly. Society would save \$7 billion in medical and other costs; of that the Federal treasury would save \$1 billion.

Surely, a policy wonk would have figured out by now that there are better uses for \$1 billion than failing to enforce seat belt laws. Even libertarians agree. "Since my insurance premiums go up if you behave stupidly, why don't I have a say in your behavior?" said Peter M. VanDoren, an economist at the Calo Institute.

But it's not about money.

It's not about probability, either, because unlike plane crashes, car crashes are probable for most Americans. Most drivers can expect to have more than one. There is 1 crash every 210,000 miles driven, and the average driver covers 13,400 miles a year, which works out to I crash every 16 years. Fatalities occur once every 58 million miles. which is the distance that 4,300 average drivers cover in a year. That means that for every 100 people you know, one is likely to be involved in a fatal car crash.

But Americans do not think that cars are so dangerous that their behavior needs to be regulated. "Americans seem to be most libertarian, if you will, about their cars," said Mr. VanDoren. The car, he said, is "the late 20th-century incarnation of the Wild West

### See How Washington Uses Dick and Jane

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Mr. Horn, who was chief of the Children's Bureau in the Bush Administration, added: "A cynic would say that children are being used as props or as proxies. But there is also a genuine concern for children. Poor children live in poor families."

Martha A. Marthews, director of Stanford Law School's family advocacy program, said: "Politicians on the left and the right play children as a card. This is perhaps a mix of sincere concern and political strategy. Poor children are a lot more popular in the public mind than poor adults because they can't be blamed for their condition.

"The left tends to use the symbolism of children to get political clout that we wouldn't otherwise have," she said. "If you're trying to raise standards for safety and decency in housing, you use a photo of a tiny kid in a rat-infested tenement, rather than a photo of a 40-year-old adult."

Debate over the welfare bill last year was couched almost entirely in terms of its effects on children. Few lawmakers or lobbyists spoke up for the parents who would lose cash assistance, food stamps, Medicaid and other benefits.

The emphasis no children as an especially vulnerable group comes even as public health experts and Government officials cite favorable trends. Infant mortality is declining, childhood immunization is rising, child-support collections are up and the teen birth rate is down.

But teen-age drug use is rising, and many parents have a sense that children are under siege, subjected to violence on the streets and to sex and violence on television. "Everywhere we look, children are under assault," Hillary Rodham Clinton, a former chairwoman of the Children's Defense Fund, wrote in her book "It Takes a Village." And so politics sometimes seem to revolve around children, as shown by these initiatives:

 Stymied in his effort to guarantee bealth insurance for all Americans, President Clinton is now working with Congress to guarantee coverage for children.

The campaign against smoking has

moved beyond restaurants and the workplace to focus on children, as the Clinton Administration tries to halt the sale and advertising of tobacco products to minors. Leaders of the campaign say that smokers are hooked on tobacco as children, and so a new tobacco tax is justified to finance

· Opponents of abortion, hoping to answer the accusation that they are intruding into women's lives, say they are trying to protect "preborn children."

health insurance for children.

• In April, President Clinton signed an executive order telling Federal agencies to protect children from "environmental health risks and safety risks." Children's small size and their developing bodies make them particularly vulnerable to contaminants, he said.

 The White House held a conference on early childhood development to highlight new research on the brain. One lesson is that neural connections formed in the first two years of life establish the foundation for rational thinking and problem-solving skills, vital to success in later life.

Why has there been so much emphasis on children and childhood?

Philippe Ariès, a cultural historian, analyzed the concept in a 1960 book, "Centuries of Childhood." "In medieval society." he said, "the idea of childhood did not exist." Until about the 12th century, he asserted, medieval artists portrayed children in neither realistic nor idealized ways, but simply as "small-scale adults."

Freud, by contrast, saw childhood as the most important stage of life and traced the neuroses of adults to their experiences as children. Psychological researchers are still elaborating on his insights.

Politicians have cited those findings to argue for more money for Head Start. child care and nutrition programs. But it is not just new understanding that explains the fixation on children. The narcissism of baby boomers is a factor.

"The baby boom generation is having kids," Dr. Horn said. "When baby boomers were in their 20's, they focused on themselves. Now that they're in their 40's, they are focusing on their children. They want things to be better for their kids. What baby boomers want, they get."

### **Ideas & Trends**

## Concealing a Pregnancy To Avoid Telling Mom

By KATHARINE O. SEELYE

WASHINGTON parents, and mothers in particular, haven't been blamed for enough of their children's problems, there is yet another accusation against them: One of the most common reasons some young women hide their pregnancies for nine months is that they are afraid to tell their mothers.

Officials bave not discussed publicly the circumstances of 18-year-old Melissa Drexler, who last week attended her senior prom in New Jersey, gave birth in the bathroom and returned to the dance, leaving a maid to find the dead baby boy in the trash. Or the circumstances of a 19-year-old, also in New Jersey, who last week crept downstairs in the middle of the night and delivered a baby girl in her parents' garage. (She intended to take the baby elsewhere and leave her for adoption before her parents woke up, but she passed out and her father found the baby.)

#### Cheerleaders, Not Sociopaths

There are no reliable statistics on how often women conceal their pregnancies. But it is common enough that a conference by a group called Post-Partum Support International met last week in Las Vegas to examine, among other topics, what physiological changes may occur in the brain that lead some women to hide their pregnancies and lead some to kill their offspring.

In the limited literature on the subject, teen-agers who hide their pregnancies most commonly point to the very person who gave birth to them in explaining their

"A prominent feature in several of the neonaticides was the inability of the unwed girl to reveal her pregnancy to her mother," wrote Dr. Phillip J. Resnick, a professor of psychiatry at Case Western Reserve Medical School, in his ground-breaking 1970 study of women who kill their newborns.

Dr. Resnick said in an interview that while in many cases the pregnant teen-agers feared both parents, they feared "the mother in particular." While out-of-wedlock births may carry less stigma today than ever, be said, many of these teen-agers are "good girls" who are afraid "that their mother would have so much shock and disapproval that they couldn't bear to face it." At the same time, he cautioned that "some fathers are very strict, and I can see a father being less forgiving."

Dr. Robert Blum, a professor of pediatrics and adolescent health at the University of Minnesota, said that fathers are more peripheral than mothers. "Ask the average 15-year-old what the worst thing is about being pregnant, and she'll say, 'Telling Mom.' Moms are more in the lives of kids," he said.

"It is the fear of rejection, of retribution, of falling in the esteem of your parents," he added. "We spend our lives trying to appease our parents. That is the most important community you will ever have. For a kid who has no other resources, the notion of being rejected by your family is petrifying.

Dr. Margaret Spinelli, director of a maternal mental health program at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, said she found that pregnant teen-agers seemed equally afraid of telling either parent.

In extensive interviews with nine teeo-agers who killed their newborns, she found several patterns. Seven of the nine had been sexually or physically abused (by someone outside the family). The girl was usually her father's favorite, excelling in school and earning good grades. "They have no sociopathic traits," she said. Some are cheerleaders "

But in many cases, there was a complex family



On her prom night, Melissa Drexler, shown arriving with her date, gave birth and left her baby in the trash.

dynamic with a confusion of roles. The mother of the teen-ager was often cold and rejecting, Dr. Spinelli said, and the father "hyper-vigilant and intrusive" in his daughter's life. The girl played something like the role of wife to her father, so that when she became pregnant, sbe was overwhelmed with guilt that she had betrayed him. And she had to hide this closeness from her mother.

Abused women tend to "compartmentalize" their sexual activity, she said, so when they become pregnant, they block it out as a coping mechanism. "They don't consciously hide it, they dissociate from it," Dr. Spinelli said. "They can go along with an unawareness of their pregnancies, then blame the baby on something like the

One pregnant teen-ager was riding in a horse show,

interrupted her ride to go to a secluded stall and deliver her baby, then climbed back on her horse. Another left in the middle of work to deliver her baby. Dr. Spinelli quoted her as saying, "I was convinced the baby was dead, so I went back to work."

Dr. Resnick explains such seemingly incomprehensible behavior by saying that such a woman does not bond with her infant in utero. "The woman views the infant as foreign, like a peach pit going through her body," he said. Because she doesn't think of berself as pregnant; she makes no preparations, either to care for the infant or kill it. Mostly, he said, the teen-ager fantasizes about a stillbirth so she won't have to do anything. "Then the infant cries," he said, "and there is a need to silence the

License to Thrill

### It Happened One Night. O.K., One Morning.

By EDWARD ROTHSTEIN

N his memoirs, Benjamin Franklin wrote that he would gladly live life over again, if only he could act like an author preparing a second edition of his book; he should not only be able to fix errors but also modify events, and presumably alter endings. The next best thing to reliving life, Franklin continued, might be recollecting it which, judging from the liberties he took, involved the same sorts of revisions.

In the surge of memoir writing that has been taking place recently, such tinkering with life's details has been even more plentiful - as have objections to casual reworkings of fact. "Locked in the Cabinet" (Knopf), the best-selling memoir by Robert B. Reich, the former Secretary of Labor, was strenuously attacked in a receot issue of the on-line magazine Slate for "fabricating quotations and rewriting history" with its "morality fables." Jonathan Rauch, a contributing editor of The National Journal, cited not just disagreements typical of those inhabiting another person's memoir but jarring differences with the public

Another popular book, "The Cliff Walk: A Memoir of a Job Lost and a Life Found" (Little, Brown) by Don J. Snyder, recounts the author's tale of an academic paradise lost (teaching literature at Colgate University) and a countercultural paradise found (becoming a house painter in Maine). Writing in another on-line publication, Salon, Mark Lasswell, a consulting editor of Maxim magazine, attacks Mr. Snyder for distorting his job history and his current activities to score polltical points in his portrait of a bankrupt American

But not only the new media are skeptical of print proclamations. Traditional media have also raised questions about the proportions of

accuracy and invention in "The Kiss" (Random House), Kathryn Harrison's ornate recollections of her incestuous adult affair with her father. There has even been some skepticism that Frank McCourt could possibly have recalled all the heartbreaking conversations and excruciating detail of his povertystricken frish childhood in his memoir, "Angela's Ashes" (Scribner).

### **Nothing New**

As Franklin's case suggests, some aspects of this memoiristic controversy are oot particularly new. While the word "autobiography" has an objective tone, as if it just involved writing the chronicle of the person who happens to be gazing out of one's mirror, a "memolr" is a literary form, constructed from shaped memories. It probably came into its own with Rousseau's "Confessions," an 18th-century autobiography whose entire (untrustworthy) pose is self-revelation. "I may omit or transpose facts, or make mistakes in dates," Rousseau declared, "But I cannot go wrong about what I felt, or about what my feelings have led me to do; and these are the chief subjects of my

We are in effect living with Rousseau's heirs, who treat the memoir as a history of feelings. The modern memoir shows the self as it sees and would like to be seen, all-powerful, blurring boundaries between interpretation and fact, memory and in-

In a book like Mr. McCourt's, none of this matters: it rings with authenticlty and is shot through with recollected pain. But problems are created when a memoir is also an argument, as in Mr. Reich's. In one of Mr. Rauch's examples, Mr. Reich portrayed his talk at a National Association of Manufacturer's breakfast as an encounter with a barely civil, allmale, cigar-smoking capitalist audience; Mr. Rauch argues that the au-



dience was actually nonsmoking, one quarter female and, judging from a transcript, polite while being critical. Mr. Reich's account of hostile, aggressive jouroalists at a news conference, is unsupported by a transcript of that event as well, as is Mr. Reich's version of what happened at a Congressional hearing. Mr. Rauch argues that Mr. Reich did not bother to check sources because his main Intention was to create a kind of cinematic simplicity that would emphasize his virtue (and his martyrdom). The cre-

ated self was in service to a cause. Mr. Reich, in a response in the June 7-14 issue of Slate, defended his methods by recounting bls own phone conversation with Mr. Rauch: "I've captured the mood, the tone, the feel of the conversation, even if I got some of the words wrong. And that's the truth." Mr. Rauch says he's wrong about that as well.

Mr. Snyder is accused of something similar. According to Mr. Lasswell, Mr. Snyder's portrayal of his academic past is rife with distortion.

His "good job" at the University of Maine, which he says he "quit," was actually a one-year nonrenewable contract. His "firing" from the English department at Colgate University was a routine failure to obtain tenure. And while Mr. Snyder's quest sup-

posedly ends by his giving up on professional life for the satisfactions of manual labor, Mr. Lasswell asserts he is also holding a one-year position as an assistant professor at the University of Maine. Mr. Snyder's distortions, according to Mr. Lasswell, are in service to a countercultural portrait of public greed and individual virtue. Mr. Lasswell says that Mr. Snyder did not respond, but the accusations, again, are that feelings hold more sway than fact, and perceptions

Sexual memoirs like Ms. Harrison's are somewhat different, because they are part of a growing genre of women's memoirs that Ann. Hulbert has described as "the feminine perverse," recounting extreme versions of female experience. At a. time when sexual difference is a cultural obsession, each sexual memoir is also a case history of feelings and sensibilities in formation.

This is also true of portions of Naomi Wolf's "Promiscuities" (Random House) as well as the memoiristic essays about sexual arousal in Daphne Merkin's "Dreaming of Hitler" (Crown). The memoir, which has

### The modern memoir: a portrait of the author as he would like to be seen.

always been a form of self-presentation, is now taking as its subject the invention of the female self.

It may even be that the explosion of new memoirs is a sign of a more general clamoring for self-definition. a hope that somehow, as we submerge ever more deeply into accounts of the self, we will find not distortion but truth. "I sometimes think only autobiography is literature," Virginia Woolf wrote in a letter late in her life. "Noveis are what we peel off, and come at last to the core, which is only you or me." The only problem is that that leaves us only with memoirs and confessions collection of narcissistic second editions, composed before they are checked against the definitive first

### Guess Which City Looks a Lot Like America

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second becomes the establishment," said Wendy Liebmann, a New York retailing consultant and immigrant herself, from Australia.

New York also remains the American business establishment's home office. Corporate power and huge concentrations of capital, from the Fortune 500 fortresses of midtown Manhattan to the financial empires of Wall Street, do not, by their very nature, encourage social experimen-

A third force of inadvertent conservatism is real estate. Most of the rest of the country is cheaper. Kmart finally came to the space-constrained island of Manhattan for the first time in 1996 for the simple reason that it was one of the few frontiers left. The economics of opening a store in New York finally made sense because the rest of the country

The idea of New York City as a promised land — unlike, say, California - has never really gripped the American imagination. For millions of Americans, the phrase "back East" remains a sweeping stock expression that often takes in the New York of their Ellis Island heritage

and, in a general way, the past itself. Just in the 1990's so far, about 1.3 million residents of the New York region have moved out. Indeed, It was big news this year when a New York Times Poll found that for the first time in a decade, a majority of New Yorkers said that given the chance to leave, they wouldn't.

But at the same time, New York is also one of the world's great population magnets, both for foreign immigrants and for ambitious native-born Americans in fields as diverse as finance and theater, television and accounting and, most recently, computer technology. For the thousands who leave, thousands more come, leaving the population basically unchanged now for years while the city itself constantly churns.

In the past, that classically New York pattern - millions of struggling immigrants living alongside highly skilled, highly paid strivers made the city an aberrant American place of extreme poverty and extreme wealth. Its base population on average was far less educated than Americans as a whole.

But in recent years, extremes of rich and poor have come home to apple-pie America as well, in cities of every stripe, as middle-class economic gains have eroded. New York simply doesn't look so strange anymore. Meanwhile, changes in immigration law designed to encourage skills needed in the work force have

### Loathe New York in the sticks? Hah. Keokuk would die for a Hercules parade.

resulted in sharply higher education levels among foreign arrivals to New York. In Los Angeles, by contrast, a high proportion of immigrants many from Mexico, in particular still come in the classic style, with little formal education.

New York's economic identity unlike Chicago's, for example - was only marginally ever based on making things. The city had manufacturing, certainly - the garment industry, in particular - but what made it boom, beginning in the 1800's, was the buying and selling and repackag-

ing of products made elsewhere. Forget the big shoulders. New York was the city of big ledger

ing and market-

Some sociologists and econo-

mists say that the descendants of that mercantile-seaport economic culture, industries that range from Wall Street to advertising to television, are now morphing into a new form as technologies and world trade rhythms meld.

In the post-cold war economy of the 21st century, said Emanuel Tobier, a professor of economics and planning at New York University, what America will sell most is its vision, its world view, its entertainment - in sum, its culture. And among the places that seem most

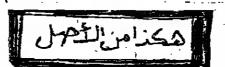
rapidly to be building such a proto typically American economic sector he argues, is New York "A new industrial complex has

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burgeoned," Professor Tobier said. Exhibit A of this cultural/industrial complex is the interconnection of entertainment, fashion and technology that is emerging as the signature flavor of New York's growing computer software industry, known as Silicon Alley. Another example is the tourism-fueled transformation of Times Square.

The next logical question, of course, is what vision of American culture New York will proceed to sell to the world, given that the city has rarely acknowledged the existence of a culture anywhere west of the Hildson River. Or in the end, will New York simply export itself and call it

America? Who will know the difference?



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### ECONOMY

# Jonathan Steinberg: A Financial Empire of Small Stocks

By LESLIE EATON

HE jury is still out on whether Jonathan Steinberg really bas the Midas touch. What is already clear is that he has a lot of

While still in his 20's, Mr. Steinberg, who dropped out of college, won The Wall Street Journal's monthly investing contest six times from 1990 to 1994 by betting on tiny, often flighty stocks. Using his reputation as a stock picker and his family money - he is the eldest son of Saul P. Steinberg, one of the most feared corporate raiders of the 80's - young Mr. Steinberg, now 32, went on to build a media empire that specializes in investment tips oo small, even obscure, stocks.

He has gradually turned an old penny-stock tip sheet into a glossy monthly, Individual Investor, with a paid circulation of almost half a million. Mr. Steinberg boasts that it is the most useful and original personal finance magazine in America." His properties also include a small newsletter, a new magazine for stockbrokers, a site on the World Wide Web and a recent book, "Midas Investing: How You Can Make at Least 20 Percent in the Stock Market This Year and Every Year" (Times Business/Random House).

And be donned yet another hat in 1994, raising millions of dollars for a

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so-called hedge fund, Wisdom Tree, that he manages for wealthy invest-

But not everything is golden in Mr. Steinberg's empire, despite its glittery surface. The public company he runs, Individual Investor Group Inc., just reported its worst quarterly loss in five years. His once-hot investment fund is in the red, his published stock picks are lagging behind the market and some longtime readers are starting to complain that they are getting poor sovice.

And he has recently beefed up his disclosure policy, revealing that the fund he manages has more holdings than previously announced in the tiny stocks he recommends in his publications - stocks that are sometimes moved by those recommendations. While the increased disclosure is no doubt good for his readers, it raises questions about how Mr. Steinberg balances bis roles as chief executive, editor in chief and portfolio manager.

Mr. Steinberg says be is not worried about conflicts of interest because of the company's disclosure policies and trading rules. "We are very aware of what the S.E.C. is looking for," he said. A more serious problem, to him, is the distraction that comes from trying to do several things at once. Fortunately, he said, there is a lot of overlap between my magazine duties and my moneymanagement duties."

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Indeed, Mr. Steinberg seems to personify the blurring of the line between journalists and the people they cover, between people who write and people who do.

But financial journalism has aitracted everyone from Fidelity investments, the mutual fund behemoth that owns Worth magazine, to Michael R. Bloomberg, the former bond trader who has built a news organization to help sell his financial

UTUAL fund managers from Peter Lynch on down have become media stars, Forbes magazine has long had columnists from Wall Street and George Soros's former partner, James B. Rogers Jr., holds forth as a host on CNBC.

Then there is James J. Cramer, who manages a hedge fund while running an Internet news service called thestreet.com, opining in a weekly column for The New York Observer and writing regularly in Worth. But Mr. Cramer, who was mortified by an uproar over some small stocks he had owned and praised in Smart Money, has vowed to adhere to guidelines aimed as avoiding even the appearance of im-

For example, he cannot suggest a story to the staff of thestreet.com even though he owns almost a third of the company. The reporters and his hedge fund's investment staff are in different buildings, and are forbidden to speak to each other. And though he discloses any ownership stake in stocks mentioned in his columns, Mr. Cramer no longer publishes his stock picks.

He has put all these rules into place, he sald, to distinguish his operatioo from other Internet sites and publications, including Mr. Steinberg's. Why doesn't he approve of Mr. Steinberg? "I think he's in the business I'm In," Mr. Cramer replied, referring to money management. "Let him do what he wants; I feel I have to take special measures.

Mr. Cramer may be wise to be extra careful. People who wear two hats can "play very close to the edge," said Barry P. Barbash, director of the investment management divisioo of the Securities and Exchange Commission, referring to such issues as how they use inside information and whether they invest in stocks ahead of clients or readers, which under some circumstances can amount to illegal front-running. For journalists, the blurring of the distinction beween reporters and investors raises questions about motivation and responsibility, said Tom Rosenstiel, director of the Project for Excellence in Journalism, a Washington research group. "The traditional standard is, 'My aim is to get information to the public that is accurate and that I am disinterested in," he said. "'All 1 care about is

But to Mr. Steinberg, profits are key - not just his profits, or those of his investors, but also those of his readers. "At bottom, to succeed as a company, we have to help people make money," he said.

whether something is true, not who

In fact, Mr. Steinberg considers what he does to be research more than journalism. He describes Individual Investor as research in a magazine's clothing, investment ideas packaged to attract advertlsers and readers.

Individual Investor, which is not related to Institutional Investor magazine, includes bright colors. snappy graphics, an occasional bit of spritely writing, as well as features on broad investing topics like mutual funds and taxes and advice on what to do if you lose stock certificates. Part of the reason the company is unprofitable is that it has spent huge sums redesigning the magazine and adding to the editorial staff.

On the oewsstands, then, Individual Investor looks almost indistinguishable from titles like Money, Smart Money and Worth. But it is fundamentally different. Its meat is not news about securities markets or the investment ideas of Wall Street gurus.

Instead, Individual fnvestor's main focus is the stocks picked by Mr. Steinberg and his group of newly minted analysts. Tiny companies all,



Jonathan Steinberg

they lend to feature rapid earnings growth, heavy insider buying, rising stock prices and what he views as exciting new products. He shuns companies that are traded on Nasdag's OTC Bulletin Board, which has no listing requirements, and insists that companies have at least a million shares the public can buy.

And Mr. Steinberg's favorite role is not chief executive, editor or even portfolio manager - it is analyst in chief, as a visit to his offices in midtown Manhattan makes clear. "f love reading business information,' he said. "And now I'm paid to do research all the time."

Though his editorial voice can make him seem arrogant - "No great loss," he once wrote of losing Microsoft as a partner in a project in person, Mr. Steinberg is boyishly brash, cluiching a football and reveling in high-tech gizmos like a Bloomberg data terminal with two screens and a compact disk player that opens at the wave of a hand.

At a table overlooking the obligatory view of Manhattan (from the 38th floor, In this case), Mr. Steinberg explains that he landed in publishing almost by accident. For one thing, he suffered from a reading disability so severe that when his school friends "were reading 'The Yearling,' I was one step above 'The Cat in the Hat," he said.

But he had always been entranced by oumber-heavy financial reports like Value Line, and he was determined to become an entrepreneur, like his father. Saul Steinberg was a boy wonder who turned a small insurance company into the giant Reliance Group Holdings, where he still serves as chalrman and chief execu-

"When my dad would wake up in the morning, f'd be depressed because I was going to school, but he'd throw his arms in the air and say, 'f love being alive," Mr. Steinberg recalled. "He was self-made, and I wanted to be self-made; I didn't want to be the stereotypical son of a wealthy person, but as confident and powerful as he was."

course, Mr. Steinberg's definitlon of "self made" is probably quite different from that of many entrepreneurs, who would feel lucky to inherit a pocket watch from Grandpa, Mr. Steinberg inherited enough money from his grandfather to buy the Penny Stock Journal in 1988, and he received early financial support from his father and his brother-in-law, Jonathan Tisch, presideot of Loews Hotels. Today, Saul Steinberg and Reliance Group own more than 30 percent of the Individual Investor Group.

Jonathan Steinberg, known as Jono to his friends, found his big idea when he was working on Wall Street at Bear, Stearns, and realized that almost no information was readily available about the vast majority of public companies, those with a total stock value of less than \$250 million.

Professional investors generally disdain such small companies, because they often require too much research for the amount of profits they can generate, and because the thinly traded shares can be hard to sell. But Mr. Sieinberg disagreed. 'Some percentage of them, I bet, would perform very well," he said. And, since most institutional investors were not active in this area, he thought it would be a place where individuals would have a leg up.

Mr. Steinberg's passion for investments is apparent at his company's weekly "analysts meeting," at which a clutch of bright young men propose investment ideas for the newsletter, Individual Iovestor's Special Situations Report, as well as for the maga-

zine and, of course, for the Wisdom Tree fund (which also has its own special analyst).

Though it is a scene you would never find in a magazine or newspaper office, in some ways the meeting could be occurring in any Wall Street firm that employs young people still waiting for the results of their exams to become certified financial analysts. Under the direction of Mr. Steinberg and Thomas C. Byrne, the director of research, five of the young men make their cases for their favorite stocks, describing new products and spouting financial ra-

Despite their obvious smarts and sophisticated financial skills, the analysts and their bosses still display a certain naïveté, especially for people dealing in the risky world of very small stocks, where financial performance can be fleeting and investors' interests do not always take precedence.

For example, one analyst argued for a laboratory testing company that is paying a hefty dividend, even though its operations are not generating enough money to cover the dividend payments. Maintaining the dividend was cited as a vote of confidence by management that sales and earnings were turning around. No one even wondered if perhaps the controlling stockholder was siphoning off some of the company's sizable cash hoard in the form of dividend

The analysts also discussed the prospects for a shoe company called Steve Madden Ltd. without, apparently, being aware of its major claim to fame in the financial world; it was underwritten in 1993 by Stratton Oakmont, probably the country's most notorious penny-stock operation, which was shut down by regulators last year in part because of its manipulation of Madden stock.

Later, over iced tea and rare tuna at Le Bernardin, Mr. Steinberg said he makes it a rule not to judge a company by the way it went public. You can't read a lot into it," he said. 'Small entrepreneurs are just trying to raise money. If a brokerage firm Is being dishonest in its dealings, that doesn't mean" its clients are.

R. Steinberg has his own reasons for being appreciative of small brokerage firms. In 1991, when his company's straits were so dire that he said he was willing to go bankrupt rather than ask his family for more money, Mr. Steinberg was rescued by a small Investment outfit, GKN Securities, which was willing to help him sell shares to the public. The offering took place at the end of 1991, when the company raised almost \$4 mil-

What public investors got was a 46 percent stake in a mooey-losing company that basically had two products: a small newsletter called Special Situations Report, which focused on one company each month, and Individual favestor, which had a circulation of less than 65,000 and looked a little like Barron's, the weekly Dow Jones magazine that is published on newsprint.

And they got Jono himself, who bad become something of a media star through his appearances io The Wall Street Journal. fn March 1990, he became one of the professional stock pickers who compete against a randomly selected group of stocks (Journal reporters throw darts at stock tables), a monthly exercise that functions as a sort of Gong Show for money managers.

Mr. Steinberg shone. His first pick, American Film Technologies, soared almost 40 percent in one month, and his second, Image Entertainment, posted a 9 percent gain in a falling

But there may have been less there than met the eye. Both of his first picks were very cheap stocks, and it didn't take a big price move to cause a winning percentage gain. For instance, Image's 9 percent increase translates into a move from 69 cents to 75 cents.

Moreover, these were tiny companies with relatively few shares avallable to the public. Insiders owned 36 percent of American Film's 19.5 million shares; Image Eotertainment had 142 million shares outstanding, but insiders owned almost threequarters of them. Just a few buyers could push the price up, and did.

The "Steinberg effect" became even clearer with his third pick, Management Company Entertainment, an obscure outfit whose stock zoomed 36 percent the day it was his pick in The Journal, on 37 times its normal volume. (The shares came back to earth quickly, ending the month with a 6 percent gain, which was not enough to win that month's contest.)

The longer-term track record of these companies left something to be desired. Within a few months of appearing in The Journal, Management Company Entertainment had filed for bankruptcy protection, as did American Film Technologies and Mr. Steinberg's fourth pick, Financial News Network.

The Journal, meanwhile, decided to change the contest, because of concerns over the effect of publicity on short-term stock prices. The time period for assessing a stock's performance was lengthened to six months from one, and the minimum stock price raised to \$2.

Mr. Steinberg went on to have some big winners, like Dell Computer; some big losers, like Software Toolworks, and some big winners that ultimately turned into losers. like Clearly Canadian, a little beverage company whose stock went from \$7.50 to \$25 in a year, and then plunged into the pennies.

In 15 tries, Mr. Steinberg won 6 times, which remains a Journal record. He also had some of the worst performers in the history of the contest.

A similar pattern prevailed in the stocks Mr. Steinberg picked for Individual Investor, especially the Magic 25, an annual list of small-company stocks he thinks can average a 50 percent return in the next 12 months. (Just for comparisoo's sake, over the last 50 years the biggest annual jump for the Dow Jones 30 industrials was a 44 percent gain in 1954.) Bravely, Mr. Steinberg decided to publish his performance, warts and all.

Not that there were many warts, at first. In its first year, 1992, the Magic 25 rose an average of 15 percent; in 1993, it zoomed almost 43 percent.

Given those results, perhaps it is understandable that Mr. Steinberg decided to manage real money in addition to a paper portfolio, despite the headaches such a move would bring. By running a private pool of money known as a hedge fund, rather than a publicly offered pool like a mutual fund, Mr. Steinberg and his company avolded having to register with the S.E.C. as an investment adviser, with the paperwork and re-

porting that entails. Nevertheless, the company still bas to deal with the potential for conflicts of interest and front-running. Front-running is a particular problem when the focus is on very small stocks, whose prices can spurt, at least temporarily, from positive

In fact, data prepared by Mr. Steinberg's staff indicate that his operations are effective, at least, in stirring up Interest in their "house stocks." After the company's Web site opeoed to the public in May, trading volume in those stocks soared by tens of thousands of

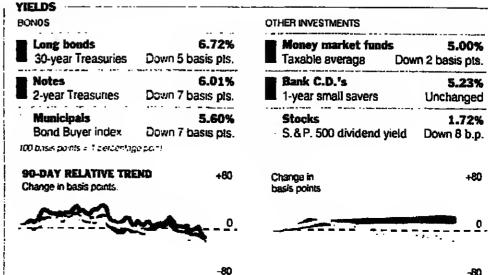
But to avoid conflicts, Mr. Steinberg's staff members are prohibited from trading personally in the shares of the companies his magazine follows. It is a policy similar to those at many publications; at The New York Times, for example, reporters who regularly cover investments cannot own stock in individual companies, although they can bold investments in diversified mutual

As for Wisdom Tree, the fund has a policy of not trading in a stock mentioned in the magazioe for two weeks before publication and for four weeks afterward. And if the trade would be contrary to a published recommendation — for instance, if the fund wants to sell something the magazine said was a buy - it must wait six weeks.

"It is not our intention to profit from a stock by writing about it," Mr. Steinberg wrote when spelling out these restrictions in the January 1997 issue of Individual Investor.

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### Mr. Thompson's Stalled Inquiry

Senator Fred Thompson of Tennessee is in an unenviable position as he attempts to conduct an impartial investigation of campaign fund-raising abuses in the election last year. Many secators in both the Republican and Democratic Parties are rooting - and in some cases maneuvering - for bim to fail. The partisan anger has all but destroyed the cooperation of the Government Affairs Committee, whose work is vital to the cause of cleaning up the corrupt system of fund-raising in American politics. If the committee's work is to be saved, Democratic leaders will have to abandon their delaying tactics, and the Republican side will have to make some concessions to Democratic concerns.

The inquiry has a second important purpose, which is to examine the possibility of foreign influence in the political campaigns last year. Although the public is deeply troubled by the unlimited flow of money into the political system, opinion polls show that American anxieties are focused the most on whether money from Chinese interests or elsewhere was funneled and laundered and whether any favors, in terms of policy changes or access, were given out in return.

Because of the deep concerns on this issue, Mr. Thompson is right to have attached the highest priority to examining the foreign money issue. Democrats may be uncomfortable, but Senator John Glenn and others need to abandoo their blocking actions so that bearings can begin oext month. Senator Glenn will blot the record of his last term if he sticks to such unreasonable disruptions as objecting to the dispatching of investigators to East Asia to uncover the sources of money going to the Democrats. The Democrats should cooperate in granting immunity to potential witnesses, as long as it is clear that doing so will not jeopardize the Justice Department's own investigation into possi-

But Mr. Thompson needs to make an important concession to the Democrats. They have a reasonable demand when they say the committee should carry out an equally vigorous investigation into allegations that Haley Barbour, the former Republican National Committee chairman, set up a partisan think tank that received loans and gifts from a Hong Kong business family, in return for access to Republican Congressional leaders and other favors.

In another part of the investigation, set for this fall, Mr. Thompson has promised a full airing of abuses by the Republican and Democratic Parties in soliciting so-called "soft mooey" for their campaigns last year. These are the open-eoded contributions from wealthy individuals, corporations and labor unions that circumvented ceilings and restrictions in Federal campaign laws by going not to individual candidates but to the political parties. It is in this area that the Democrats feel their own requests for subpoenas bave been subjected to delays by Mr. Thompson, and It is obvious that Senator Trent Lott and the Republican leadership do not want too much light shed oo the practice lest the public demand an end to it.

If Mr. Thompson and Mr. Glenn can work out a framework for an evenhanded examination of legal but corrupt "soft mooey" practices, it would go a long way to building public support for reform. Mr. Thompsoo needs to do a better job of standing up to bis fellow Republicans and convincing the public that his committee will be bipartisan in its approach and that Democratic subpoenas will be handled in a timely way. Mr. Glenn needs to stop letting Senator Tom Daschle and other obstructionist Democrats tell him what to do.

Otherwise this investigation into one of the most financially tainted Presidential elections will collapse, reinforcing the public's cynicism about the ability of Congress to clean up its practices.

### Cease Fire in TV Ratings Wars?

The major broadcast oetworks have been grumbling ever since Congress directed them last year to devise a rating system for their shows or risk having one imposed from Washington, Responding halfheartedly to the public's desire for more information about program content, the oetworks initially came up with a weak menu of ratings that told nothing about the occurrence of nudity, sex, violence and profanity in the shows. In recent weeks, however, at least some of the networks have come forward with a more comprehensive approach. Lawmakers and pareots' groups should seize on their initiative and reach a voluntary agreement to test it for the next couple of years.

The original ratings were drawn up by an advisory group led by Jack Valenti, president of the Motioo Picture Association of America. Using the movie system as a model, Mr. Valenti's group proposed four ratings for shows: TV-G (for general audiences), TV-PG (parental guidance suggested), TV-14 (parents cautioned against letting children under 14 watch) and TV-M (mature audiences only). Now Mr. Valenti and some of the networks say they are willing to add the letters V, S or L (for violence, sex and language) to these age-oriented ratings to give more information about content. The letters would also be added to the Y-7 (for 7 years and older) for children's programs, leaving the Y rating for other children the only one unaffected.

The idea behind these ratings is that, eventually, television sets will have V-chips, electronic devices that block out shows with certain codes enabling parents to control what their children may see. The leading parent groups and Congressional advocates have agreed in principle to the additional information being offered by most of the networks. One network, NBC, is objecting to the V, S and L ratings, oo the ground that they would violate its free speech. But NBC already agreed to the initial set of ratings and the additions are not

Some of the network executives argue that if these ratings are established, members of Congress should back off from other coercive steps dictating what may be broadcast and when. That is a legitimate request. There is also a concern that agreeing to a rating system now will only invite individual groups to press for more specific labels on cootroversial subjects, such as abortion, or to launch boycotts or organized demands that programs with certain ratings be kept off the air. The best way to head off would-be censors, however, is to take a reasonable step desired by people with moderate and legitimate concerns.

It is urgent for the networks and their critics to reach a voluntary agreement. As President Clinton has said repeatedly, it is vastly preferable for the industry to regulate itself than for the regulations to come from the Federal Government. A willingness to compromise by the oetworks, parent groups and members of Congress will be beneficial to everyone, especially television viewers.

### **Editorial Notebook**

### The Genius of Scotland

Learning Prospered

On the Celtic Fringe

It is a bopeful angury for Britain, and indirectly for all of us, that Scotland and its offspring are again making history. Not long after an

Edinburgh research team succeeded in cloning the first grown animal, Edinburgh-born Tony Blair led the Labor Party back to power. Most fittingly, Mr. Blair bas announced that bis new Government is giving highest priority to improving education.

Scotland is a classic example of the difference that better schools can make. Historians reckon that for its size (about five million people) Scotland in the past spent more on education than any European country, with dazzling results. Scottish scieotists gave the world insulin and penicillin (John Macleod and Alexander Fleming), discovered the cause of malaria (Ronald Ross) and transmitted the first television image (John Logie Baird, 1925). All but Baird woo Nobel Prizes.

This fecundity has a long history. In the 18th ceotury, Edinburgh and Glasgow were the crucibles of what became known as the Scottish Enlightenment. One of its luminaries, Adam Smith, described education in 1776 as a basic civil right, remarking in "The Wealth of Nations" that a person "without the proper use of the intellectual faculties" was "mutilated and deformed."

To be sure, the system Smith favored was meritocratic rather than democratic, but Scotfish schools were generations ahead of those elsewhere. The philosopher David Hume was unusual among Englightenment notables in being born rich. Most of his peers rose from the middling rungs of a society open to ambitious males with pluck and brains. "I was born a Scotsman, and a bare one," wrote Sir Walter Scott. "Therefore I was born to fight my way in the world."

The seeds were planted by Protestant reformers like John Knox, who saw education as a necessity in his Godly Commonwealth so humble communicants could read the Bible By 1750, literacy was near universal in the Lowlands, and overall standards so high that the son of a poor farmer, Robert Burns, attained fame as a poet without attending an elite grammar school or coilege.

Scottish universities were the focus of special pride. Well into the 19th century the Scots supported four universities to England's two, Oxford and Cambridge. The oldest was St. Andrews (founded in 1411), followed by Glasgow (1450), Aberdeen (1494) and Edinburgh (1582). From these and innumerable smaller academies came the engineers, teachers, preachers and soldiers who streamed to the Americas and every corner of the British Empire. The Yale scholar Linda Colley calculates in "Britoos" that in Georgian times Scotland graduated 10,000 doctors to England's 500, and that one

in four British regimental officers was Scottish. The outreach was also intellectual. The Encyclopedia Britannica was born in Edinburgh, 1768-71, foilowed in 1802 by the Edinburgh Review, the most influential journal of its time. This southerly flow of people and ideas provoked English envy and raillery, usually goodnatured. "Sir," said Dr. Johnsoo to the Scotsman Boswell, "the ooblest prospect which a Scotchman ever sees is the high road that leads him to England."

How did this remote corner of an offshore island throw off such energizing particles? In addition to Knox's teachings and the dismal climate, there is this persuasive explanation, offered by Sir Hugh Lyon Playfair, the provost of St. Andrews in the 1840's: "Education in Scotland Is the essectial source of its prosperity, for it has scarcely any natural sources of wealth."

None of this is new to Mr. Blair, a graduate of Fettes College in Edinburgh, an outstanding secondary school. He knows British standards have slipped and vows to raise them. He would do us all a favor by promoting some friendly rivalry on this score with his fellow Oxonian in the White House. KARL E MEYER

### How to Track Down Collegiate Cyber-Cheaters.

As you report, World Wide Web technology offers new apportunities for cheating on college papers (front page, June 8). But the same technology may also provide techno-savvy educators with nano-swift means of bringing cyber-cheaters to justice. Faster computer search programs will make it possible for teachers to locate texts containing identified strings of words from amid the millions of pages found on the Web.

This means that if a professor suspected that students were submitting downloaded papers as their own work, he could input passages of the papers into a search program, a sort of academic sleuth, that could scour the Web for ideotical blocks of text. If a hit turned up, the professor

could download the original paper and compare it with the student's submission. Such searches would probably not uncover cases in which a cheater went to the effort of rephrasing an entire paper. But lazy cheaters (including, of course, the apocryphal student whose term paper included the phrase, "As readers of this journal will recall ... ") could be caught.

The routine use of such technologies might suggest a demoralizing lack of trust within the academy. But no more so than proctored exams. If students realized that such Web searches were to be employed in suspicious cases or even randomly, many a hacker slacker would be deterred from substituting a minute's worth of dishonest downloading for the hours of scholarly sweat required to produce original MITCHELL ZIMMERMAN Palo Alto, Calif., June 8, 1997

### Academic Shortcuts

To the Editor:

Re "Internet Makes Term Papers Hotter Property Than Ever" (front page, June 8): Many teachers bave computer related 'plagiarism 'concerns in addition to the purchase or free downloading of ready-made

term papers on the Internet. Both on-line and CD-ROM reference materials have made it easy to cot and paste together reports or presentations that appear to have taken hours or days to write, but bave really been assembled in minutes with no actual mastery or understanding by the student.

The introduction of hypertext highlighted words or phrases on Web sites that are linked to related on-line text) bas made it possible for students to skip directly to isolated phrases or paragraphs in source material. This cuts the effort involved in preparing a presentation, and can keep the student from gaining knowledge of material related to the subject at band. It can also encourage



students and educators to put a premium on style of presentation rather than on understanding of content.

New technology challenges parents and educators to teach students about academic integrity and the definitions of plagiarism. Yes, computers can be useful in education, but often technology is a waste of money WILLIAM L. RUKEVSER

Woodland, Calif., June 12, 1997 The writer is coordinator for Learning in the Real World, a nonprofit information clearinghouse.

### Beware Web 'Cookies' To the Editor:

Frank Rich ("howdydoody.com," column, June 8) points out the true dark side of the World Wide Web. The Internet is a perfect medium for marketers to reach into the lives of young people and manipulate them in ways that television never could.

By the clever use of "cookies (tracking technology inserted your computer without your edge by Web site advertises marketers can track your (and us) child's) Web journeys, using data they obtain to create a e

Some Web browsers (like scape) allow you to elect to warned when a "cookie" is abo to be placed, and refuse it. B most people are either maware of this feature or don't recognize the danger in letting someone look over your shoulder, as you travel the Web. Sheldon L. Tarakan East Fulls, N.Y., June 8, 1997

### Schools Are Selling Out

To the Editor:
Frank Rich ('howdydoody.com column fune 8) does a good job a illuminating yet another peril of the internet: advertisers previous and internet. children. But advertisers are only aiming their products at dren through cyberspace; cl rooms are also being used to read young consumers.

Advertising space is sold on school bulletin boards, and classroom nev broadcasts are being piped into schools complete with commercials Schools are accepting free textbook covers and posters adorned with logos of companies like W Brothers and Nike.

Parents should band together an insure that there is at least one place where children can get a respifrom sales slogans. BILL MARTIN Lynbrook, N.Y., Juoe 10, 1997

### Adultery Betrays a Marriage and Society, Too

"Sanity on Adultery" (editorial, June 10) is amoral and disturbing.

You argue that the military shouldo't investigate "consensual sexual affairs unless they have a direct bearing on job performance" or on discipline. Doesn't a soldier's willingness to commit adultery indicate a dangerous disregard for American society? Until recently, there was a belief that marriage was meant to be a partnership based on mutual reliance, fulfillment and responsibility. Adultery is a betrayal of these ideals.

We should not blur the distinction between "tacitly tolerated" adulterous relationships and sex betweeo two unmarried adults. Your tone and use of the term "consensual" imply that adultery is a victimless crime affecting only two people. However, by its nature adultery affects the family, and thus society as a whole

AARON M. CYPESS New York, June 10, 1997

### Let Women Be Priests

To the Editor:

The Irony of the Roman Catholic Church's dilemma over the growing decline in male priests and its concomitant resistance to ordaining womeo was graphically placed in side-by-side oews articles on June 8. One can't beip but wonder what it will take for the church to recognize that it was through the faith, gifts and ministry of women that God became flesh, the Gospel was preached the church was formed. (Sister) ARLENE FLAHERTY Blauvelt, N.Y., June 10, 1997

To the Editor:

Re "Sanity on Adultery" (editorial, June 10): Many problems might be solved by

banning heterosexuals from the military. Since gay people cannot legally marry, they cannot be said to commit KAREN MALPEDE Brooklyn, June 11, 1997

To the Editor: Anthony Lewis's proposal of a system "to distinguish between the use of power for sexual purposes ... and an affair of the heart with no such element" (column, June 9) assumes that military rank is a very clear-cut basis for power. Yet there are other bases of power that have long been recognized by social scientists, including attractiveness, expertise and physical size. PAULA M. POPOVICH

Athens, Obio, June II, 1997 The writer is an associate professor of psychology at Ohio University.

### Childhood on Trial

To the Editor:

Life is incredibly confusing these days. One jury was asked to spare Timothy J. McVeigh's life because he was a darling, well-raised child (news article, June 12), while another jury was asked to spare the life of Jesse K. Timmendequas, who was convicted of the rape and murder of Megan Kanka, because he bad a monstrous childhood ("Ugly Life Warrants Leniency, 'Megan' Defense Says," news article,

June 11). LOIS BRODY Philadelphia, June 12, 1997

### Swiss Haven't Found New Holocaust Funds

To the Editor:

I was astonished to read on your June II front page a report of a recent meeting of the committee I head to investigate dormant accounts in Swiss banks ("Swiss Find -Funds That May Belong to Nazis' Victims').

It is unfortunate that the first two sentences are misleading m fact and tone. The independent Committee of Eminent Persons bas had no indication from Swiss banks, quietly or otherwise, that they bave "recently discovered" bundreds or thousands of dormant accounts that may have belonged to Holocaust victims or that have otherwise been unaccount-

As you report, the committee has begun "pilot audits" of Swiss banks that will provide a basis for an audit of all banks. We also recommend that all dormant accounts of Swiss banks - whether in Swiss or foreign names and whatever their origin from the years 1933 to 1945 be pub-

lisbed as soon as possible. However, the suggestion that such accounts have been uncovered only recently by the banks is unwarrant-

The aim of the audit is to insure that all dormant accounts of persecuted persons from that period be identified.

Because those accounts may have been opened in Swiss names, it seems appropriate to go beyond publication of accounts that are thought to be related to Holocaust victims to publication of all dormant ac-PAUL A. VOLCKER

New York, June 11, 1997

### Forest Service Proposal Would Protect Alaska's Tongass Forest

Regarding your editorial (June 8) on logging in Alaska's Tongass National Forest: All Americans want to protect our forests and the wildlife that inhabit them. But most Americans support multiple use of forests, to protect most of them but also allow some areas to be harvested to provide wood for our homes and fiber for products.

The United States Forest Service recently unveiled a new plan for the Tongass that fully protects Americans' interest in preserving the forest. The plan cuts the allowed and sustainable timber harvest nearly in half. limits logging to a maximum of 8,500 acres a year and creates 1.1 million acres of new habitat areas to protect wildlife. Out of the total forest, less than 7 percent of the commercial-quality trees will ever be touched - one of the lower uses of any national forest in the country.

Your editorial said logging would affect "pristine" watersheds, but under this plan every species of wildlife is fully protected and watersheds are guarded by a host of stipulations. New York produces 10 times more wood

The Times, welcomes letters from readers. Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. Those selected may be shortened for space reasons. Fax letters to (212) 556-3622 or send by electronic mail to letters@nytimes.com, or by regular mail to Letters to the Editor, The New York Times, 229 West 43d Street, New York, N.Y. 10036-3959. feet in 1996, compared with just over 100 million board feet from the Ton-FRANK H. MURKOWSKI U.S. Senator from Alaska Washington, June 11, 1997

Losing on Timber

To the Editor:

"Poor Deal for the Tongass" (editorial, June 8) is an even poorer deal for taxpayers. According to the General Accounting Office, the Forest Service lost \$100 million in its sale of Tongass National Forest timber from 1992 to 1994.

The economics of Tongass timbering is now even worse than a few years ago. Both of the pulp mills that consumed most of the Tongass's tim-



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than the Tongass - I.I billion board ber are now closed, victims of a worldwide glut of pulp and refusal to invest in anti-pollution technology.

The Forest Service's own economists predict that timber demand bas plummeted to less than 100 mil lion board feet annually. Nonetheless, the Forest Service wents to market 267 million board feet every year - not because it cares about local communities, which rely more on recreation, tourism, fisheries and services than timbering, but because it wants to save the jobs of its own bureaucrats. rats ANDY STARL Eugene, Ore., June 13, 1997

The writer is executive director of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics.

### Questionable Quotes To the Editor:

There is an easy solution to the problem of inaccurate quotations, Joseph E. Persico's complaint about the memoir of Robert B. Reich, the former Labor Secretary (Op-Ed, June 11). When a speaker's words are quoted but the author does not know the exact words that were spoken, put the quotation marks in brackets. Bracketed quotation marks would alert readers that the quoted words are not being rendered verbation.

For example, future insturians reporting Marie Antoinette's affeged comment about the poor would write: She said, ["Les them eat cake! ["] JON O. NEWMAN West Harword, Conn., June 11, 1997

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# Straight Bashing Season

It was Richard Tafel, executive director of the gay Log Cabin Republicans, who called last week to remind me of the derivation of the slur

As the Oxford English Dictionary says, faggot initially meant "a bun-dle of sticks, twigs, or small branches of trees bound together" to be used "as fuel" or for "burning heretics alive." The image was on Mr. Tafel's mind because of the adultery hysteria that now rages through our culture like an out-of-control for-

Homosexuals, especially those in politics, are used to such sexual witch hunts. So, historically, are women. But suddenly in 1997 not even heterosexual men, of all people, are safe from the lapping flames. "The fire the religious right started with gays," says Mr. Tafel, "is starting to singe straight men."

Whether or not the fall of Joseph Ralston, the heroic Air Force general brought down by an extramarital affair, is precisely analogous to the Kelly Flinn case, it is a double for the needless trashing of the gay Bronze Star recipient Margarethe Cammermeyer. Colonel Cammermeyer's 30-year military career was sacrificed as pointlessfy as General Ralston's when she revealed the nature of a private sex life that should not be anyone else's business.

The next chapter of this epidemic of pansexual faggot-burning will be played out in the political arena. And as Mr. Tafel acknowledges to his own dismay, it's the Republicans who bave the most to lose. If Bill Clinton is caught with his pants down, oo one can accuse him of the sin of bypocrisy (and, judging from the polls, no one does); he never promised us a monogamist in the Rose Garden. But for those politicians who bave draped themselves in family values, the day of judgment may be at hand. Just as military bureaucrats never imagined that their sexual policing of a

### Family-values cops with their pants down.

Flinn or Cammermeyer could backfire on their own sexually fallible high-ranking officers, so straightmale politicians who've made a career of sternly policing women's reproductive organs and gay people's bedrooms risk being hoisted by their own transgressions.

Already there's been one spectacular casualty. In the midst of the Ralston revelations 10 days ago, Michael Bowers, heretofore the leading G.O.P. candidate for the 1998 Georgia governor's race and a religiousright darling, revealed that he bad had a 10-year extramarital affair with a married employee.

As State Attorney General, Mr. Bowers was fond of such pronouncements as "Society has a right to define moral standards." He had rigorously enforced Georgia's anti-sodomy law, defending it successfully before the Supreme Court in a notorious 5-to-4 decision of 1986 that sanctified a police bust of two gay men practicing consensual sex in their own home. He had also invoked sodomy in winning Circuit Court ratification of his decision to withdraw a job offer from a highly qualified lawyer who asked a rabbi to officiate over a marriage ceremony - spiritual, not civil - between her and her lesbian parmer. But since adultery, like sodomy, is also still on the books as a crime in Georgia, Mr. Bowers now stands revealed, by his own moral standards, as a criminal as well as a bypocrite.

How many other family-valuespreaching sinners are out there aspiring to higher office? In a tabloid age when there's a bidder for every secret, and with a Republican hierarchy full of divorced men, we're certain to find out. Like the Bowers case, other recent history reinforces the principle of classic farce: the more pious the politician, the greater the hypocrisy. My faves include Enid Greene, the former family-values Congresswoman from Utah oblivious to the check-kitting felonies of her husband, and Bob Barr, the thrice-married Georgia Congressman who last year both sponsored the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act and sternly lectured abortion rights' leaders on morality during televised hearings.

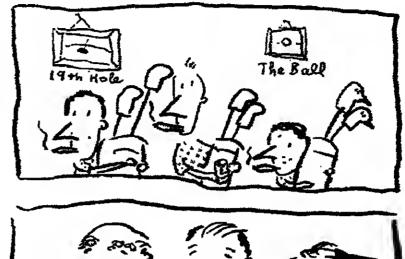
In this heated atmosphere, it only follows that Pat Robertson last week voluntarily gave up the Christian Coalition's presidency and, in a vote for the almighty dollar over the Almighty, sold his Family Channel to Rupert Murdoch, the man wbo turned over TV's family hour to "Melrose Place." Mr. Robertson, equally shrewd as a politician and a businessman, knows enough to cash out of the family-values racket just moments before the crash.

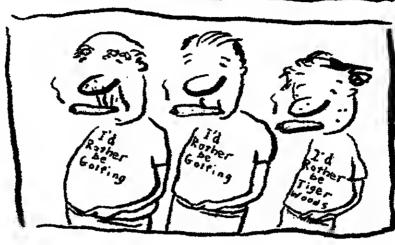
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### Fathers & Sons Captured at Play: a Collaboration!







### Face the Failure of Racial Preferences

By Newt Gingrich and Ward Connerly

WASHINGTON n August 1963, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave heartfelt voice to his dream of a world where children are judged by the content of their cbaracter rather than the color of their skin. A few months later, in May 1964, President Lyndon Johnson told the graduating class of the University of Michigan, "The Great Society is a place where every child can find knowledge to enrich his mind and to enlarge his talents."

Unfortunately, three decades and \$5.4 trillion of Federal Government spending later, Dr. King's dream still remains unfulfilled and nearly all of America knows that the Great Society has become an expensive failed tribute to the collective liberal imagination. Over the years, Federal welfare programs for the poor were enacted that created and sustained an illusion of activity but that, in reality, did more barm than good.

Even worse, a complicated set of Government rules and regulations were developed in almost every area of life, the intent of which was to eliminate discrimination. Yet the cruel fact bas been that Government has brought about nearly as much discrimination as it has eliminated — just in a different form — and has masked the very real problems that

President Clinton's speecb on race vesterday in San Diego was actually a missed opportunity to address these critical issues; we wish be could have laid out a plan for real education reform that would produce genuine equality of opportunity tor

Let us take a look at the record. Welfare spending is more than eight times what it was in 1965, adjusted for inflation, and it's time to ask, What do our children bave to show for it? Well, for starters, over four milliun more of them are now living in poverty - 43 percem of all black children and 41 percent of all Hispanic children. Violent crime has skyrocketed, especially in the inner cit-

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But for evidence of the Great Society's greatest failure, look no further than the current state of public education and President Clinton's politically expedient but totally indefensible support for racially based "Band-Aid" measures, Rather than face up to the catastrophic fallure of

inner-city educational systems and

deal honestly with their essential

problems, the President, like others holding on to this failed system, refuses to reform a system that falls morally as well as practically. Like so many whose political fortunes depend on unions and bureaucracy, Mr. Clinton, sadly, refuses to

acknowledge that the ill-conceived education policies of the 1960's deserted the children who needed belp the most The education bureaucracy woo't

concede that, despite spending trillions of dollars on education over the past 30 years, American children are further behind today. It doesn't want to admit that the S.A.T. scores of African-American children, which average 100 points less than the scores of white children, are the direct result of the current policies.

### Failed social policies will not educate our children.

The National Education Association doesn't want to bear the blame for the fact that 40 percent of all 10-yearolds can't meet basic literacy standards or that 66 percent of African-American fourth graders fail national geography standards. These are not racial inadequacies, they are education inadequacies.

Nor will the education bureaucracy admit that low-income high school students are giving up on school in ever increasing numbers. The fact is that disadvantaged children are not receiving the "knowledge to enrich their minds and to enlarge their talents," as President Johnson promised. Instead, many education and minority leaders cling to a system of racial preferences using the diplomas of an arbitrary tew to paper over what has become a oational buman catastrophe. For the sake of

all our children, these people must face the cold, hard truth: Every time we use racial preferences to effect change, it is proof that we have failed a child somewhere.

President Clinton refused to face the core of the problem: Money without reform will not educate our children. Look at the spending in innercity schools today. The District of Columbia spends more money to educate its children than any state in the country - more than \$9,000 per student per year — and yet its children rank at or near the bottom of national test scores. Something is very wrong with the schools of our nation's capital; both the teachers and their students are being shortchanged by a stagnant, uncaring educational bureaucracy.

Government-imposed quotas are no substitute for education reform. Racial preferences may offer an Illusory way out for a few students, but sadly, the vast majority of children in the inner cities are being deprived by their schools of the opportunity to go to college. We've all seen recently the dramatic drop in minority admissions to the University of Californla at Berkeley and the University of Texas School of Law, institutions that did away with race-based preferences. This shamefully underscores how much race and race alone has been used instead of merit

in our balls of higher education. Supporters of preferences see those numbers as vindication tor their claims of racism in America; they are simply wrong. The real villain in this 30-year morality play isn't bigotry or the University of California Board of Regents or the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The original affirmative action policies were indeed well-intentioned efforts to redress centuries of racial discrimination. Yet they have been perverted over the years. The racial preterences used in their name have been used as masks to avoid real reform. They have become an excuse to perpetuate an inner-city system to cheat those children most in need out of a real future.

Failing to save these children sbould cause shame to all Americans. No one has chosen to help our underprivileged develop their talents. No ooe has insisted they have schools in which they can succeed. As a country, we all share that shame, but the creation of a small minority professional class through racial preferences to ease elitist guilt is an unacceptable and unconscionable alternative. And applying racial preferences to business practices is no better.

Yet the education bureaucracy warns that "radical" reform could harm children, ft is difficult to imagine that any of the education proposals being offered today could do any more damage than the failed policles of the last 30 years.

There are promising solutions: In the 104th Congress, for the first time ever, a legitimate school voucher initiative for the children of the District of Columbia was passed in the House; there were enough votes to pass it in the Senate.

nfortunately, unions, resistant to change, prevented it from coming to a vote. Representative Dick Armey of Texas, the majority leader, has introduced a similar measure this year. Is giving poor parents the same opportunity as wealthy ones to send their children to the school of their choice a risky venture? is giving poor parents the opportu-

nity to send their children to a safe school truly dangerous or just threatening to those dependent on the status quo? Is it harmful to the future of our children to demand that they be able to read before they are passed on, or do real standards bring too many of the tailures of the current bureaucratic system to light? Does lowering the standards of graduate school admissions tor certain individuals really address inequality of opportunity or simply give one group a place at the table while trampling on the hasic rights of another? Do we bring the people of this country closer together when we reject one of America's most basic principles the notion that people should be judged individually on merit, not collectively by the color of their skin or do we breed new resentment and

Education is the key to a productive, healthy citizenship. But our system of racial preferences is the wrong door. The failed Great Society policies have devastated and divided two generations. We have seen how Government-imposed racial preferences actually stand in the way of true educational retorm. The President must abandon the misguided beliet that our society should ever use discrimination to end discrimi-

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### Cold Stove League

Because all our word processors are said to be programmed to selfdestruct at the stroke of the year 2000. which will be just when Presidential politics reaches fever pitch, I am impelled 10 get some heavy thumb-sucking and chin-pulling in early.

Welcome to the opening of the Cold Stove League. Geezerly baseball fans remember the "Hot Stove League" as the scene of sessions of sweet speculation in the bitter of winter about far-off summer's pennant race. In politics, the seasons are reversed, and balmy June is the time to ruminate, teet up on the air-conditioner, about the snows of early primaries.

Who will be starting pitchers - or the starting batteries — on both sides?
As Clinton heads to the showers, Democratic eyes are tixed nervously on Al Gore, centrist darling of reinvented environmentalist povertyvowing Buddhist donors now claiming Fifth Amendment privilege.

See-no-evil Democrats know that next month's Thompson committee hearings into campaign scandals have little to do with Clinton's past and everything to do with Gore's future. Jack (Tell 'em Nuthin') Quinn, the recently escaped White House counsel who raised stonewalling to a high art, is set to head the Gore campaign, His first challenge is to help Senator Tom Daschle (who warmly recommended Lippo's John Huang for his top-secret Commerce post) torpedo Fred Thompson's bid to replace Gore as America's favorite Tennessean.

As Gore's Boy Scout veneer is peeled off at Congressional hearings that will extend into 1998, the A.F.L.-C.I.O. candidate, Dick Gephardt, will spend a year or two as the designated

### Sessions of sweet speculation.

liberal Anti-Gore.

That House Democrat's union-directed tough line on China will appeal to activist primary voters as Clinton-Gore appeasement fails, but Gephardt image-makers have yet to confront their product's Robotic Smarm Problem. In private, he comes off direct, knowledgeable, even likable; but when the camera's red eye flashes on, Deadeye Dick adopts the persona of an oleaginous Max Headroom.

Warming up in the bullpen, waiting for the Gore-Gephardt faceoff to cause rank-and-file Democrats to seek a candidate untainted by leadership experience, is Massachusetts' Senator John Kerry. Just re-elected, the former combat pilot has a free ride in 2000. His opposition to his party's centrist budget agreement positions him as maverick, and his recent speech to Aipac holds Gore and Gephardt close to Israel

Dreamers and goo-goos will talk about Bill Bradley, but he is a perennial winner of the Mario Cuomo Fire-inthe-Belly Award; unless he gets serious early, picking up 1.O.U.'s helping Democrats win Senate races in '98, the anybody-but-Gore crowd will make its choice between the unions' Gephardt and the liberals' Kerry in '99.

Republicans? Familiar faces like Lamar Alexander, Steve Forbes and Dan Quayle are taking early soundings and will be chuckled at by the Great Mentioners yearning for new faces to tout and then savage. Gingrich and Lott are non-starters. Jack Kemp's role is elder statesman. Pat Buchanan may pass up a run this year, averting Stassenhood, but if Gov. Christie Whitman wins big in New Jersey she'll become a national factor.

Many an eye is on Gov. George Bush in Texas who gives Clintonites fits with innovative education programs. He is universally acknowledged to be a better campaigner than his father and is less likely to risk his oeck parachuting. Serious Republican pols talk more about him than anybody.

Colin Powell? He could give Bradley a race for the Cuomo Award. Few Republicans want him except those hung up on winning the Presidency, and nobody wants to go out on a limb to support what may turn out to be another book promotion. But if Colin felt the call, and if he sensed the time to be not out of joint, and if he were willing to plunge into the demeaning democratic business of asking for money and for votes ... (Too many

John Kasich may have peaked too soon. The Ohio budget-balancer with a feel for the House's mood and a sense that the media world is mad has embraced triangulation, but maybe marriage and a few zaps in the press will settle him down. With his experienced innocence, this post-boomer could surprise on the primary campaign trail.

John McCain. Wants it. Outside the Club. Can absorb punishment. For openers, let's say it's McCain and Kasich against Kerry and Bradley, and the Dow is coming down through 10,000. (Throw another log on the airconditioner, son ...)

## The Morning After Is Too Late for Safe Sex

By Bruce Bawer

he last couple of years have seen an extraordinary flowering of medical advances in the fight against AIDS. The latest news is that some doctors are administering medication immediately after a possible exposure to H.I.V. as a socalled morning-after treatment to prevent AIDS infection. If those doctors are correct, some lives will be saved. This, of course, is reason to celebrate. Yet the history of the AIDS crisis suggests that there may also be reason for concern.

Ever since the connection was made between H.I.V. infection and sexual activity, many doctors and bealth officials have agreed with gay-

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rights advocates that the use of condoms amounts to "safe sex." The correct term is really "safer sex." Condoms don't eliminate the possibility of infection, they just reduce it. The

A weapon against H.I.V. has its limits.

only truly safe options, as leaders of the religious right regularly point out, are monogamy and abstinence.

To preach total abstinence is unrealistic and disastrous public-health policy. Yet it has long been recognized that "safe sex" rhetoric is potentially disastrous, too, because it tends to inculcate a false sense of security: "If l use a condom, I'll be O.K."

the morning-after treatment reported on a doctor who administered the regimen to a man whose condom broke while he was having sex with a prostitute. Despite the lack of studies supporting such treatment, some doctors are using it for patients who have engaged in high-risk sex.

But if the public perceives morning-after pills, together with condoms, as part of a new, improved "safe sex" package, the result may be reinforcement of the potentially dangerous idea that any kind of sex with anybody at any time is indeed safe. The peril is increased carelessness: If people know there's a morning-after remedy, they may do things the night before that they might otherwise have avoided - and whose dire consequences the treatment may not ultimately prove capable of preventing.

The use of expensive AIDS drugs as a morning-after remedy also raises troubling questions about who has access to such treatment. While

A New York Times article about affluent Americans may soon be able to drop by their doctors' offices to get the miracle pills, AIDS sufferers in the third world receive woefully inadequate care and die much sooner than they might have had they received proper medication.

This latest medical advance in the battle against AIDS looks promising. But perhaps, given the disturbing implications, it is too soon to rejoice.

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By PHOEBE HOBAN

N the opening night of the exhibition "The Lost World" at the Museum of Natural History in May, Jeff Goldblum, the hero of Steven Spielberg's latest blockbuster, "The Lost World," seemed to be everywhere, as if he, like bis dinosaur costars, had been cloned.

There he was on a series of video monitors, talking about making the "Jurassic Park" sequel. There he was in the "Extinction Theater," narrating a short film about the theory that dinosaurs were done in by a meteor from outer space. And there he was backed into a corner, all 6 feet 4 inches of him, oearly obliterated by a stampede of autograph-seeking children who were at least as aggressive as the mischievous miniature dinosaurs in the opening scenes of "The Lost World."

"They were so sweet!" he said the next day, in a surprisingly deep voice. "I was melted." And be doesn't mean the kind of cozing condition be experienced in David Cronen-berg's 1986 film, "The Fly."

Dressed from head to toe in sleek black, Mr. Goldblum does not live up to his advance press; he is oothing like the nutty-professor type he often plays. His friends, from the "Lost World" screenwriter David Koepp to the actor Vince Vaughn, do a dead-on impression of Mr. Goldblum's trademark conversational style - a kind of Thelonious Monk approach to small talk, with quicksilver stopstart sentences, glissando intonation and the repetition of certain key words. But in person, despite his

### Jeff Goldblum has made himself into a blockbuster mainstay.

verbal tics, Mr. Goldblum is positively Zen-like.

In fact it took a minute or two to find him in the lounge of the Four Seasons Hotel. He was not tickling the lvories at the baby grand, as he regularly does at Union, a fashionable Los Angeles bar. Instead, he mit . was quietly backed into a corner. drinking a bottle of Evian and looking rather rested for a man who bas just been the host of the season finale of "Saturday Night Live."

"I'm enjoying this time period right now, but who knows what will bappen?" he said of his current ubiq-

Five years ago, Mr. Goldblum had "The Player," playing Jeff Goldblum. But given the success of "The Lost World," which grossed \$104 million in its first weekend, it's safe to say that Mr. Goldblum, 44, has now entered that stratosphere where he himself is a player, courageously holding bis own against the world's most spectacular special effects.

"He is to sci-fi what Arnold Schwarzenegger is to action films," said Dean Devlin, who wrote the script for "Independence Day" with its director, Roland Emmerich. "He has this ability to make wild concepts understandable, and be is one of the few people who can really pull off that technobabble."

'The Lost World' is Mr. Goldblum's third film - including "Independeoce Day" and "Jurassic Park" - to break box-office records in the last several years. But the actor has arrived at mega-bankability after one of the more meandering careers in Hollywood — some two decades after he first surfaced in movies by auteurs like Robert Altman, Paul Mazursky and Philip Kaufman. It's a long way from the flamboyant biker Mr. Goldblum portrayed in "Nashville" to the role of Dr. Ian Malcolm, "chaotician" extraordinaire in the "Jurassic Park" movies, a thinking woman's action hero.

Over the course of 48 films, Mr. Goldblum has carved out a niche for himself as a charmingly oddball outsider: the opportunistic People magazine reporter in Lawrence Kasdan's baby-boomer classic, "The Big Chill"; the beartbreakingly brilliant scientist in "The Fly," Mr. Cronenberg's creepy romantic tragedy; the narcissistic artist in Christopher Columbus's "Nine Months," and the nerdy hero of "Independence Day."

bral and sexy.

Mr. Goldblum subverts rather than enters his roles, stamping each part with the Idiosyncratic Goldblum spin. In "Jurassic Park," he is a cynical mathematician-as-rock-star. In "The Lost World," he bas toned down his hip attitude but lost none of

Jeff is an actor who can make the line 'No, I won't' sound interesting and inspired," sald Mr. Koepp. "He exudes intelligence. The thing I like about him is that he thinks of himself as his character's lawyer. If he feels that you are doing something that belittles or is beneath his character, he's on it immediately. And be's got such a particular sensibility and particular rhythm and attitude that you are crazy if you don't sit down with him and work together on dialogue."

For a man who has managed to make chaos theory commercial, Mr. Goldblum is disarmingly modest. "I was dying to be an actor, and that's about the extent of my master plan," he said. "And I guess I have been surfing the wave of whatever has appealed to me. But I do feel at home in a variety of things, and I think it's partly because it all feels like acting

Jeff Goldblum grew up in West works in real estate in Pittsburgh.

From the time he was a young child, Mr. Goldblum played piano was in fifth grade and was cast as the drama classes at Carnegie Mellon

for "someone tall," he was cast in val's "Two Gentleman of Verona," thug in the vigilante bloodfest

Soon afterward, Robert Altman, stuck in New York during a blizzard, saw Mr. Goldblum in the musical "El Grande de Coca-Cola" and decided to cast him in "California Split" as a frustrated actor. Mr. Goldblum was anything but: one role flowed seamlessly into another, and his film cred-Its soon included "Nashville," 'Next Stop Greenwich Village,"
'Between the Lines" and "The Right Stuff." Along the way, in 1980, be landed his own television series, starring with Ben Vereen as a stockbroker-turned-detective in ABC's "Tenspeed and Brown Shoe," though it didn't last long.



Jeff Goldblum - "I do feel at home in a variety of things."

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(He bas also played a few heavies.) The only common denominator is Mr. Goldblum's ability to communicate an uncommon level of intelligence. "You'll have to excuse Dr. Malcolm," said Richard Attenborough as John Hammond in "Jurassic Park." "He suffers from a deplorable excess of personality." One could say the same for the actor: it's an excess that Mr. Goldblum has honed into a talent for creating characters who are simultaneously cere-

Homestead, Pa., outside Pittsburgh, the son of parents who had showbusiness aspirations. His father, Harold, became a successful physician. His mother, Shirley, had been discovered by a talent scout in high school, but she never pursued it. Jeff was the third of four children; his older brother Rick died of a sudden illness at the age of 23; his sister, Pamela, a painter, lives in Los Angeles, and his oldest brother, Lee,

and was the family mimic. The acting bug bit when he was sent to music camp the summer after he lead in a Gilbert and Sullivan takeoff. By the time he was 15, he was taking University. "I had the time of my life there," be said.

At 17, he moved to New York City and studied with Sanford Meisner at the Neighborhood Playhouse. When the Public Theater called and asked the New York Sbakespeare Festiwhich later moved to Broadway. He got his first film role in 1974, as a "Death Wish."



Kevin Kline, left, Meg Tilly and Jeff Goldblum in the 1983 movie "The Big Chill" - Amid self-conscious yuppies, a brainy, quick-tongued persona.

It was in "The Big Chill" (1983) that the Goldblum persona - brainy. quick-tongued and, as Mr. Spielberg has put it, "elliptical" - emerged in full-blown form. Of all the self-conscious yuppies in the movie, the disaffected journalist - whose weekend luggage includes batteries, bikini underwear and condoms, and who wants to start a new club in Manhattan because "Elaine's is dead" seems the most booest and least pretentious.

Io 1985, Mr. Goldblum was cast as a lead opposite Michelle Pfeiffer in John Landis's "Into the Night," which was not a hit. But his ease at playing eggheads had been noted; in The Fly" (1986) he metamorphoses, Gregor Samsa-style, from a soulful scientist into a monstrous bug whose humanity remains tragically intact even as his flesh is sprouting insect hairs.

Mr. Spielberg didn't think twice about casting him in "Jurassic Park" (1993), cailing it a "no-brainer choice." When it came to the sequel, Mr. Spielberg said: "There is no Ian the first film, the lan Malcolm character was along for the ride, criticiz-

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ing everybody, telling them they were wrong. In this one, Jeff as lan is the constructive force leading the journey into the adventure."

Dr. Malcolm is now a responsible boyfriend and father who travels to a remote island to rescue his girlfriend (Julianne Moore) and, as it turns out, his stowaway daughter (Vanessa Lee Chester) from the predictable

chaos ahead. As usual, Mr. Goldblum did a fair amount of improvising. "Spielberg is very spontaneous," be said. "He doesn't do rehearsals. He knows what he's doing. But probably because of that, when he gets to the set, he wants to be challenged and scared and try something he hasn't tried, and he has an appetite for something fresh and accidental and new."

"You can see him making stuff up," Mr. Goldblum added. "He enfolds himself regularly in a compellingly fascinating cocoon of deep thought."

For all his apparent openness, Mr. Goldblum does not reveal much that he doesn't plan to; behind his engaging manner one senses a man who intends to remain in complete control. The actor known for his effortless ability to ad-lib even has a list of prepared anecdotes in his pocket.

Like his character in the "Jurassic Park" series, Mr. Goldblum has been "occasionally married." His first marriage, to the actress Patricia Gaul, ended in divorce after five years. In 1986, he married Geena Davis, whom he had met when they starred together in one of his least successful films, "Transylvania 6-5000." For a while they were the tall toast of Hollywood, but they divorced in 1990. (She has since married the director Renny Harlin, who was previously involved with Laura Dern, with whom Mr. Goldblum was in- 124 lvy League team

volved until recently.)

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Women fall for Jeff left and right," said Ms. Moore, his co-star in "The Lost World." "I see people just mooo over him. But he's very genuine in his attentions, flirty in an oldfashioned way."

It was on the set of "Jurassic Park" that Mr. Goldblum met Ms. Dern, who played a spunky paleontologist. They were engaged for two years before putting the relationship on hold. Mr. Goldblum leaned forward conspiratorially to confess: . "We're not traditionally together right now. I respect her, adore her acting, adore her as a person."

He politely demurred from further discussion, other than to say that "relationships are challenging, aren't they?"

Mr. Goldblum bas maintained one major relationship for nearly 20 years; he teaches acting twice a week at Playhouse West, a drama school he founded with his fellow. Meisner student Robert Carnegie. "He bas an extraordinary generosity io the way he deals with people,' said Mr. Carnegie. "Jeff is like that character in 'Mr. Holland's Opus.' "

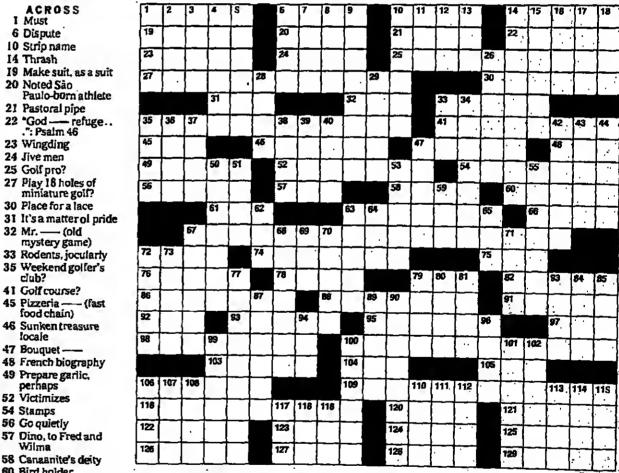
Recently, Mr. Goldblum has been inundated with offers, but he has not yet decided on his oext movie. "L . those around-me."

have to say I'm enjoying the range of choices available to me," he said.

Mr. Goldblum may have perfected his oeurotic on-screen demeanor down to the last pregnant pause and stammered flight of fancy, but off screen, he seems completely at one with himself, "I find I don't have romantic ideas about torture, torment," he said, flashing that goofy Goldblum grin. "I don't think I unduly deny it or repress it or lie about it. I don't shy away from the struggles of life, but I don't pursue torment, In fact the opposite. I want to be happy, and I want to bring happiness to 

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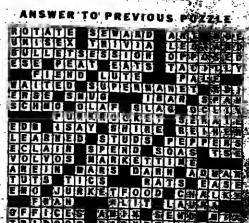
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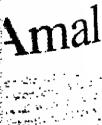


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ence to be let loose in the vicinity of something as delicate as a coral bed and they become like the "bull in a china shop."
Up until now, most attempts at -114-4-5 4.5 repairing damaged corals haven't enjoyed great success. Either it was impossible to secure transplants or too much transplant material was needed, making it harmful to the donor reef. But Australian marine biologists have 14.20 recently started a new coral repair technique. So far the experiments have been a remarkable success.

The new technique makes use of fast-setting, underwater epoxy cement, a stiff brush and small pieces of live coral not larger than

group yells, "let's eat," and with

her call a trail of YOWies make

their way into the restaurant for a

EARTHLY CONCERNS

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

A coral reef, or a coral island, is fragile because it is a living, growing entity that, like all living things,

ing entity that, like all living things, has basic needs that must be satisfied. And corals can be damaged in many ways, by breaking, crushing or poisoning, either by pollution or by a silt covering that deprives

corals, studies have shown that the

greatest damage seems to come

from crushing or breaking them.

Sometimes this is the work of van-

dals and coral thieves, but most

often the damage is done by inept

scuba divers, according to Australian experts who have spent

a number of years studying the

problem. Too often, they say,

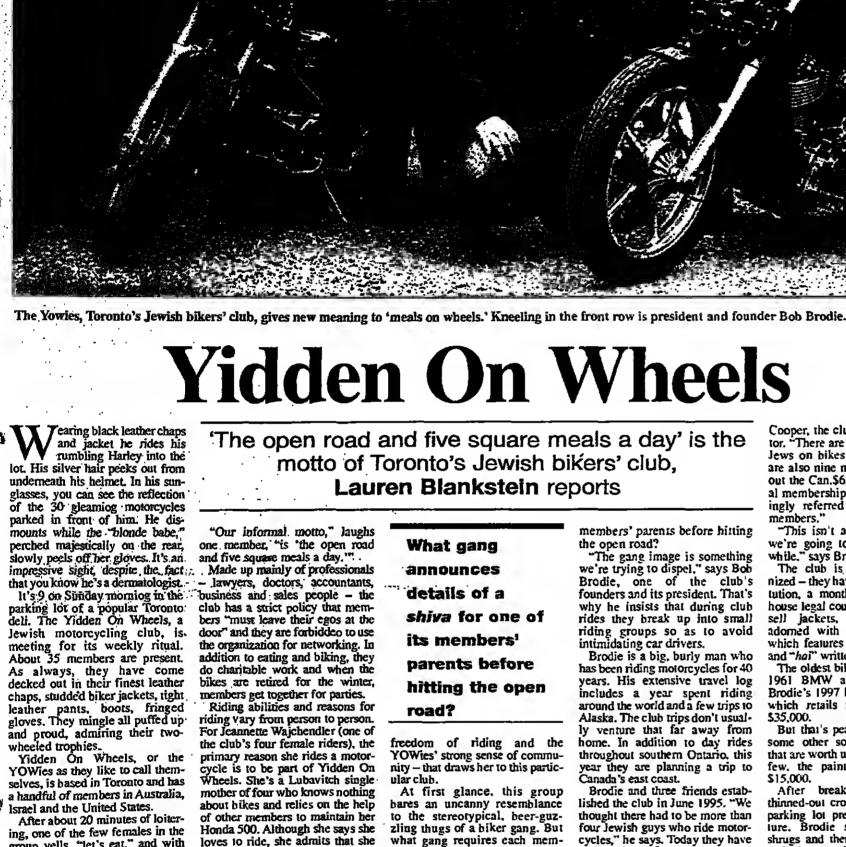
these divers have too little experi-

them of light and oxygen. Despite the many dangers to

nempts to repair coral reefs

are actually going better

hearty breakfast.



probably wouldn't own a motor-

cycle if the club didn't exist. It's

the marriage of two elements - the

Saving coral reefs

Divers are the main cause of damage to corals; now they may

nal reef or island. These pieces are

taken immediately to the damaged

also be the solution.

10 cms, by 10 cms., that have been

carefully removed from the origi-

zling thugs of a biker gang. But what gang requires each member to equip his bike with a first-aid kit and announces details of a shive for one of its

members' parents before hitting the open road?

"The gang image is something we're trying to dispel," says Bob Brodie, one of the club's founders and its president. That's why he insists that during club rides they break up into small riding groups so as to avoid intimidaling car drivers.

Brodie is a big, burly man who has been riding motorcycles for 40 years. His extensive travel log includes a year spent riding around the world and a few trips to Alaska. The club trips don't usually venture that far away from home. In addition to day rides throughout southern Ontario, this year they are planning a trip to

Brodie and three friends estab-lished the club in June 1995. "We thought there had to be more than four Jewish guys who ride motorcycles," he says. Today they have a whopping 115 members.

"It's going to peak," predicts Harley Davidson owner Morris

reef, the spot where they are to be

planted is abraded with the brush and the piece of living coral is

cemented in place with the under-

water epoxy. By using this tech-

nique, it is possible to make a number of transplants without

causing any significant damage to

Corals disperse either by spread-

ing to adjacent areas or by the

release of free-floating live polyps

that settle on surfaces and begin to

grow. No one knows exactly what

it is that attracts free polyps to live coral clumps rather than dead

coral. Whether or not the free

polyps continue to colonize the

transplants is as important as their

spread and continued growth out

When the cause of reef damage is

poisoning by chemicals, sewage,

silting over from eroded land mass-

es along the shore or, as in the case

of some Australian corals, destruc-

tion by predatory starfish, then trans-

plants are not useful until the origi-

nal cause of the damage is removed.

But, for corals that have sustained

orchanical damage by man or

machine, the transplant technique

seems to be one possible solution.

In order to keep down costs,

Australian experts are now train-

ing veteran scuba divers in the

technique of reef grafting. Each

leam will be accompanied by a

biologist who will choose and

remove the donated material from

the healthy reef, and the volun-

teers will do the grafting. After all,

since it was mainly divers that did

the damage, it seems a good thing

to include them in the repairs.

of the transplanted material.

the healthy donor reef.

Cooper, the club's ride coordinator. "There are a finite number of Jews on bikes." However, there are also nine non-Jews who dish out the Can.\$65 (NIS 160) annual membership fee; they are lov-ingly referred to as "righteous members.'

"This isn't a flash in the pan, we're going to be around for a while," says Brodie.

The club is impeccably organized - they have a written constitution, a monthly newsletter, inhouse legal counsel and they even sell jackets, vests and pins adomed with the YOWie crest and "hai" written in Hebrew.

The oldest bike in the group is a 1961 BMW and the newest is Brodie's 1997 Honda Gold Wing, which retails for approximately \$35,000.

But that's peanuts compared to some other souped-up treasures that are worth up to \$80,000. On a few, the paint job alone costs \$15,000.

After breakfast, a slightly thinned-out crowd is back in the parking lot preparing for departure. Brodie scans the group, shrugs and then explains: apparently for some YOWies the trip to the restaurant and back home is enough riding for one day.



ou can talk about parent-ing philosophies until you are blue in the face. but in my book, there are two basic kinds of parents: those who can leave their kids and those who can't.

Sometimes, before a baby is born, it is possible to detect which people will become which brand of parents - but not always. Sometimes the transformation can be radical. Couples who once loved to go to parties. dine out at fine restaurants, see movies, travel, decide to procreate and - BOOM - they don't leave the house except to work,

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are not going out to indulge themselves with a viewing of The English Patient, they are giving their kids quality time with their grandparents!

And when it comes to considering jetting off for a few days of rest and relaxation in Greece. they can relax knowing that the intergenerational bonding is only getting stronger when the kids spend the night. And, let's face it, the price is right.

But most of us are not quite so lucky, particularly we immigrants who have no such family around to share the wealth of childcare. For us, time off from child care means

I carry my cellular phone wherever I go. Pre-baby, I took a solemn vow that I would never become one of those rude and crass Pelephone People.

grocery shop or visit petting zoos for the next five years.

Now, I think it's wonderful if people honestly and truly want to spend every moment of their free time with their children. () haven't met any people like that, but I think it's wonderful,) But the reasons that many parents sentence themselves to house arrest are more complicated than that.

Resolving the question of whether to leave your kids so you can dine/romance/socialize/travel at any given point is a simple mathematical equation. You take the amount of pleasure. relaxation and enjoyment you will get from your excursion let's call that Variable X. Then you take the amount of guilt, worry, and fear you will feel from leaving your children with somebody else - let's call that the Y Factor. If X exceeds Y, you should definitely go out. If Y exceeds X, then what's the point? If you can't enjoy yourself while you are out, what is the point of dressing up and shelling out hard-earned shekels have been better off renting a movie and ordering in some Chinese.

Much of the above calculation depends on the quality of babysitting available. Parents who are freest to come and go as they please are the lucky folks who have both sets of grandparents living within spilling dis-lance and are eager to host their grandchildren at any time. These are by far the most "liberated" of parents. They can achieve a spontaneity of lifestyle that even those with the most reliable livein hired help fail to achieve. Why? Because the Y Factor is nearly totally eliminated - they

babysiners. Yes, I confess, I am a heavy user of babysitters. I try to allay my conscience by adopting my babysiners and treating them like family (and one of them is actually a cousin). My message is: Treat my kid nice and I'll do anything for you. I'll pay you way over the going rate, I'll talk to you endlessly about your boyfriend, I'll stock the freezer with Haagen Dazs." Am l a pushover? Probably, but it's all in the interest of reducing the Y Factor.

Even with bribes, it is never possible to totally relax when baby is home with a sitter. When l go out, I carry my cellular phone wherever I go. In restaurants and cafes, the first thing I do is pull it out and plunk it on the table to make sure I hear it if it rings - and if it does, I answer with a loud and anxious "Hello."

All of these actions go against my principles of proper conduct. Pre-baby, I took a solemn vow that I would never become one of those rude and crass Pelephone People.

Up until this point in my baby's life, I have been pretty with one of the members of my team of caregivers or with my in-laws, and have not held back when friends have invited us out to dinner or a great movie is

But I feel like the clock is ticking. My nine-month-old is just gening to the age where he can comprehend that Mommy and Daddy are leaving him behind for the evening and has just begun to whine and cry in protest when that happens. Behavior like this sends my Y Factor skyrocketing.
I suppose it's time to update

those takeout menus and tune up the VCR.

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# Slavin: Economic reform too slow

Teva's Hurvitz warns multinationals threaten independence of Israel's leading corporations

By AMOTZ ASA-EL and DAVID HARRIS

The government's program of structural changes in the economy is being implemented too slowly. Finance Ministry director-general Shmuel Slavin said yesterday at the fifth annual Caesarea economic conference.

The conference assembles the country's economic elite under the auspices of the Israel Democracy Institute in order to debate and explore fundamental issues on the eve of the launch of the government's budget deliberations.

Slavin's remarks were made amid lively discussion among leading industrialists. financiers, academics and government officials, including the ministers of

in brief

Tadiran Information Systems Ltd. has won the contract to pro-

vide and operate Bezeq International's computerized customer care, sales and accounts services, the companies announced yes-

terday. The deal is worth tens of millions of shekels, according to Bezeq International's information systems head Ahuva Cohen.

Ministry, Bezeq agree on digital network standard

Bezeq last week for a temporary standard for integrated service digital network (ISDN) equipment. The standard is based oo that proposed by the Israel Standards Institution in March of this year and includes changes proposed by Bezeq. When all the

bureaucratic procedures are completed, it will be adopted as the required standard for ISDN equipment.

Judy Sieges

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The Communications Ministry reached an agreement with

Tadiran Info. Systems wins Bezeg contract

Finance and Industry and Trade, the gov-emor of the Bank of Israel, a host of directors general and leaders of the banking

Slavin called on the government to hastily approve reforms in the capital markets, electricity sector and in the struc-ture of the Ports Authority.

"[There must be] greater openness to the outside world, more competition, [and] fewer binding agreements," he said.
"The short-term difficulties are insignificant in comparison to the great benefits which will fill the economy with these changes over the coming 10 years.

If the telecommunications industry can take such successful, radical steps in a relatively shorn period, there is no reason

Dovid Harris

why other sectors cannot follow suit, added Slavin.

His stance was shared by his predeces-sor, David Brodet, who said the government's record on reform in fiscal 1997 adds up to "a lost year" and stressed that reforms pertaining to the equity and currency markets must be implemented in tandem lest the ill-fated precedent of the

1977 currency reform be repeated. Brodel was referring to the shekel's sudden and full flotation, which was not coupled with other market reforms and ultimately resulted in hyper-inflation two

Concerning foreign currency reform, the delegates largely ignored a banner headline in yesterday's Yediot Aharonot which claimed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has decided to launch a sweep-

ing foreign currency reform in line with the Bank of Israel-inspired blueprint.

The report suggests that any Israeli be allowed to possess unlimited currency whether at home or abroad and freely exe-

cute transactions and transfers. Finance Minister Dan Meridor, responding to the report in his opening address to the conference, dismissed it outright and called it "stupid."

Meanwhile, a senior Bank of Israel source said the forex reform the central bank has been espousing for several years will indeed be implemented "imminent-

While many of the participants went

through the ritual of opposing and sup-porting the Bank of Israel's monetary pol-icy, Teva CEO Eli Hurvitz caught the delegates' attention by suggesting that the accelerating arrival of multinational corporations oo the local economic scene is threatening the future independent exis-

tence of Israel's leading companies." Stressing he has nothing against globalization and multinationals, Hurvitz explained his model in this regard is IBM, which, while being unquestionably global, nevertheless clearly maintains its American features.

"Why did Effie Arazi establish his EFI firm abroad?" asked Hurvitz, who suggested the government should focus its investment-aid policies on human capital.

### Jerusalem firm launches Internet multimedia experience

By JUDY STEGEL

A Jerusalem company will today launch a "Virtual Community of Tomorrow," offering CD-ROM quality multimedia experiences over the Internet in the user-friendly formal of a "theme park" with

Community Network Systems, part of the Net Results holding company in the capital's Talpiot industrial zone, offers the multimedia Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia — which includes a games arcade, cooking classes, chat groups, medical advice from Johns Hopkins University, movies, concert halls, shopping, the Reuter news center, museum visits and more on VCOT.

The services are now all in English and aimed at Internet users worldwide, but the intendon is to start a Hebrew-language service suited to Israelis within a year, using the services of Virtual Jerusalem, of which Net Results owns a part.

Harry Fox, a recent immigrant from the US who was the inventor of the first personal computer in 1989 and was involved in the failed Superstudio enterprise in lerusalem, says many people will prefer the on-line service to CD-ROMs, which are expensive.

"Software stores hold only a small percentage of the hundreds of thousands of titles that have been produced in recent years," he said. "And once you buy a CD-ROM, the information gradually becomes obsolete."

Fox explained that the multimedía encyclopedia (its predecessor was the highly popular Infopedia) on VCOT is regularly updated and, because it is on-line, the space for multimedia is virtually unlimited.

In addition, it has a collection of term papers with full outlines on various subjects. Pupils can use the material, including links to additional information, to learn how to write their own papers for class.

service www.VCOT.com) is free during its initial launch and then, starting this fall, will cost \$29.95 a year for its basic package (cooking classes, for example, will cost an additional

fee).
Unlike America On Line or Compuserve, VCOT does not provide Internet access in its package. Nadine Kaplan-Wildmann of the company explains that Fox preferred to allow users to shop around for an Internet service provider that offers the best value in cost and speed of connection. Unlike the two big US providers. VCOT offers original content as well as links to high-quality sites,

and not just links to other sites. The service could be a bit disappointing for people with computers more than two years old, as their resolution will be below the 800x600 pixel screens (without this resolution, they will have to scroll right and left over the bome page). Without a Pentium processor, the on-line access will be much slower than from a CD-ROM.



### **European Union Summit opens today**

Bystanders looks through a security fence which surrounds the Amsterdam Summit ground yesterday. The European Union Summit will be held today and tomorrow to discuss a new European Union treaty, but the meeting has been overshadowed by a row between France and Germany over bow to proceed toward monetary union.

(Remer)

### Panel to check accounts of local authorities

By DAVID HARRIS

Interior Minister Eli Suissa yesterday announced the creation of a committee to examine the accounts of local authorities which have built up an overall deficit of NIS 4 billion.

This follows the government's approval of the Kucik report on pay excesses in public bodies and the resolution of the four-week Union of Local Authorities (ULA)

The committee, to be headed by Prof. Amir Barnea, will work with local authorities in checking accounts.

The committee will recommend timetables for taking action and propose any legislation it determines is required.

The committee comprises accountants and representatives of

the ULA, Interior Ministry and Treasury.

The committee has been asked to report no later than December

In the agreement between the government and ULA, it was agreed that in some instances councils will be permitted to increase local property tax (arnona).

Manufacturers Association President Dan Propper yesterday wrote to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, saying this measure is against the government policy of not raising taxes.

This will prove to be quite a negative step for industry, he

Industrialists currently pay an annual NIS 1.1b. in local property tax, according to the associa-

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ROUNDUP

Palladium

closes

higher

By MICHAEL ZWEBNER

Palladium ended higher again Friday as the physical platinum

group metals market continued to

suffer an acute shortage, but

Comex gold and silver ended

lower, with the latest US econom-

ic data showing inflation remains

Spot platinum prices are up

about 50 percent this year and pal-

ladium prices have doubled, due

to the suspension of Russian

Russia supplies about 20% of

the world's platinum and 60% of

its palladium. Russian exports are

expected to resume in late June.

The September palladium futures

contract finished up \$4.15 at

\$223.40 per troy oz. October plat-

inum fell \$3.80 to \$406.30 per

Comex August gold eoded off 50 cents at \$343.10, up from a session low of \$342.80. Earlier, an

unexpected fall in US May pro-

ducer prices of 0.3% meant

investors felt even less need to

hold gold as an inflation hedge,

World oil prices bouoced on

Friday as concern persisted about

a delay in the resumption of Iraqi

crude exports under the terms of a

Womes that political posturing by Iraq might delay the oil-for-

food deal, implemented last

December, were heightened when

traders did not expect shipments to.

resume until July at the earliest.

oil fell by 16 cents to 52.14 cents

per gallon, and August unleaded

gasoline prices rose by 20 cents to 56.83 cents per galloo.

· Soybean futures finished bigher

across the board, with the front

end of the market exhibiting the

strongest gains. This trend was

consistent from the start, with con-

cerns over tight nearby supplies

and a solid crushing pace leading

the early charge. The July contract

settled 13 cents higher at \$8.54

Soy-oil futures finished higher

following soybeans, but gains

were limited by spreading between the products. The July

contract ended nine points higher

at 23.33. CommStock Trading Ltd.

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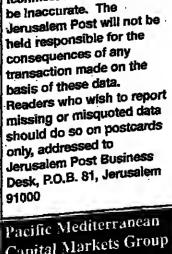
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# Tudjman's rivals call elections undemocratic as Croatians vote

By DAVOR HUIC

ZAGREB (Reuter) - Croatian President Franjo Tudjman promised a rich and democratic future for his country yesterday after casting his ballot in a presidential election which the opposition has already branded undernocratic.

Seventy-five-year old Tudjman and his wife Ankica voted in the stylish Zagreb district of Tuskanac, where the former general, known widely in Croatia as the "Father of the Nation", lives with his family.

After voting, a stern-looking Tudjman was not talkative but, when asked by reporters what the country would be like if he won, he said in sing: "Rich and democratic." Both opposition candidates, Vlado

Gotovac of the Social Liberal party and Zdravko Tomac of the Social Democrats, have criticized Tudjman for using his present function, state institutions and funds to promote his campaign.

He maintains a tight grip over the media, particularly the national tele-

vision which amounts to his and his Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) party's private outlet. Gotovac and Tomac, who also

voted with their wives in Zagreb, have promised voters the widereaching control of the presidency and lavish spending would be cut if they won.

The final result will not be known before today at the earliest.

Tudiman, who steered Croatia to independence from former Yugoslavia and through the 1991-1995 war against the Serbs, is running for his second full term in office despite reports he is suffering from stomach cancer. US administration officials said in

November that Tudjman had been treated for a form of stomach cancer



Croatian President Franjo Tudiman votes in Zagreb yesterday in an election in which he is expected to win another term. (Reuter)

in a top military hospital in Washington.

Croats view as unjustified.

Tudiman is the favorite to win the poll in the first round and has a high approval rating as a strong leader who created the country. His vote will also be helped by recent criticism from the US over Croatia's human rights record, which many

He presided over an austerity program launched in 1993 which

slashed inflation and has kept the currency stable.

Tomac, a former communist, said it was vital that everyone benefited from economic growth and not just the powerful elite linked to Democracy was one of the big

issues of the campaign, which was marred by attacks on both opposition candidates. They were offered protection from the state security

apparatus only half way through the campaign.

In the most serious incident Gotovac, who is supported by nine centrist parties, was hit on the head by a Croatian army captain during a rally. He was treated for concussion and was then forced to cut his campaign activities. The government rejected his request that the poll be postponed.

This election was not democrat-

ic," said Tomac, standing for the for-

mer communist party, after casting

his ballot, "Gotovac and I were in

such a disadvantageous position that

any result we achieve will be a good

Independent polls show Gotovac and Tomac, who tried to attract votes by promising Croats more democracy and social justice, are expected to get around 15 percent of Khmer Rouge seeks political future as army on verge of collapse

By KATYA ROBINSON

PHNOM PENH (Reuter) - Pol Pot and his surrounded remnant of followers are apparently still holding out against opponents from within the unravelling Khmer Rouge army, but details reaching Phnom Penh are sketchy, military officials said yesterday.

As government commanders tried to assess the Khmer Rouge's latest, and possibly last, internal struggle in the thick jungle of northern Cambodia, talk in the capital turned to the political future of the less despised members of the guerrilla movement an issue which sharply divides the country's mis-matched coalition

While it seems inconceivable to many that the hated guerrillas responsible for the 1975-1979 "killing fields" regime could win a place in mainstream politics, that prospect is increasingly likely, officials and analysts said.

"I don't think this is the end of the Khmer Rouge at all," parliamentarian Son Chhay said. They're abandoning their fighting, but they're moving on to political struggle."

Just where the fighting stood was unclear.

The remote area of the reported fighting and conflicting reports from the government's two main political factions have made it difficult to determine the status of the bande or the fate of Pol Pot, one of the century's most infamous political leaders.

"We have not been informed of any new developments," senior military adviser Tom Sombol

### Clinton seeks national dialogue on race

By PETER BAKER

SAN DIEGO - President Clinton launched the UN said last week a team of its over the weekend what he hopes will be "a weapons inspectors had been great and imprecedented conversation about blocked from entering three susrace" in the US that will dissect the issues The UN Security Council last polarizing Americans along ethnic lines and week extended the oil-for-food "transform the problem of prejudice into the deal for six months, allowing Baghdad to sell a further \$2 billion promise of unity."

With lofty thetoric flavored by moments of blunt talk but no grand initiatives. Clinton worth of crude oil. European oil opened a year-loog campaign of town-hall meetings, conferences and reports intended to bridge the natioo's lingering racial divide three 13 cents to \$19.06. August heating decades after the civil rights movement of the 1960s. Despite all of the progress in his lifetime, Clinton said, the country remains too riven by suspicion and mistrust.

"We have torn down the barriers in our laws," be declared in a commencement address at the University of California-San Diego. "Now we must break down the barriers in our lives, our minds and our hearts ... That is the unfinished work of our time - to lift the burden of race and redeem the promise of America."

In choosing California as the setting for Saturday's kickoff, Clinton came to the nation's leading battleground over race and its impact on hiring, education and contracting. Offering a vigorous defense of affirmative action, he directly took issue with state voters who passed Proposition 209 last year abolish-

ing racial preferences in public programs.
While they did so "without any ill motive,"

Clinton said, such a backlash against affirmative action has led to a steep and disturbing drop in minority enrollments in law schools and other graduate programs, a trend he fears may extend to the undergraduate level as well. "We must not resegregate higher education or leave it to the private universities to do the public's work," the president said.

With California university regent Ward Connerly, the prime champion of Proposition 209, sitting on stage behind him, Clinton added. To those who oppose affirmative action, I ask you to come up with an alternative. I would embrace it if I could find a better

For a president born into Southern segregatioo yet reared on principles of equal opportunities, Saturday's speech and the efforts to follow are an attempt to fashion a legacy as a healer and conciliator. Few of his predecessors have been willing to tackle this most delicate and politically dangerous of subjects except in times of crisis or national strife.

However, for all of the build-up by the White House over the last two months, the 36-minute speech contained precious few solutions to the very problems Clinton identified and some of the rhetoric broke little ground. Many of the phrases and sentiments expressed io the address are familiar themes that can be found in Clinton speeches stretching back years.

Just last week, he issued the same challenge build "the world's first truly multiracial democracy" in his speech to his daughter Chelsea's high school graduating class.

At the last minute, Clinton dropped some language Saturday that might have seemed harsher. For instance, in an earlier draft, he called the impact of the California affirmative action repeal "devastating" and added, "I call it resegregatioo" - two lines that did not show up in the final version.

At times, though, Clinton spoke in more candid and challenging ways that do not typically show up in presidential addresses.

"If a black American commits a crime, condemn the act," he said, "but remember that most African Americans are hard-working, law-abiding citizens."

In similar formulations, he urged Americans not to draw larger conclusions if "a Latino gang member deals drugs" or "an Asian merchant discriminates against her customers of another minority group" or "white teen-agers beat a young African American boy almost to death just because of his race."

The president told white Americans not to feel alienated by his new campaign. "I know that for many white Americans, this conversation may seem to exclude them or threaten them," he said. That must not be so. I believe white Americans have just as much to gain as anybody else from being a part of this endeavor"

Reaction to the nationally televised speech broke along predictably ideological lines, with many liberals describing it as a positive first step and conservatives complaining it focuses more attention oo skin color rather than fulfilling Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of a color-(The Washington Post) blind society.

### Italians vote in referendums

ROME (AP) - Hunters, journalists and judges risked losing privileges when Italians went to the polls yesterday to vote on seven referendums. The measures also would make it easier to avoid military service, keep the government out of privatized companies and decentralize farm policy. Turnout for each referendum had to exceed 50 percent for the vote to be valid. Polls predicted a low turnout by the 49 million people eligible to vote.

and were divided over whether the threshold would be reached A string of such votes in recent years have brought on a sort of "referendum fatigue" among Italians, who faced a two-round local election last month and will have another in the fall.

### Poll: Only 48% of Swiss support solidarity fund

ZURICH (AP) - Support has SonntagsBlick newspaper. ebbed slightly for a government plan to sell off gold reserves to finance a SFr 7 billion fund to aid victims of poverty and war, according to a poll

yesterday. Forty-eight percent of Swiss approve of the plan, compared with 58% when the proposals were unveiled in March, said the poll by the IPSO research agency. It was published yesterday in

The newspaper speculated that the result was partly due to a popular backlash among the fiercely independent Swiss against renewed foreign criticism about the neutral country's record in World War II.

Support for the plan was highest among young people in French-speaking areas and lowest among older people in the more traditionalist German-speaking areas.

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### Blue chips boost shares higher

Shares closed higher yesterday, boosted by a strong performance by blue chips on the Maof index, traders said.

The benchmark Mishtanim index of the top 100 shares rose 0.57 percent, or 2.21 points, to 289.90 on heavy all-share turnover of NIS 255 millioo against NIS 207m. on Thursday. The Maof 25 blue chip index

closed 1.14% higher at 299.59. Traders said the session opened with a decline of 0.7% in the Mishtanim, but during the day the market recovered.

"The market refuses to decline as more investors want to get in," said Michael Weiss at Evergreen Capital Markets. "There is lots of money looking for shares and the market is

Mishtanim **289,90 ▲ 0.57**%

not selective at ail." Traders said Maof shares were the main winners, while small-cap stocks traded on the Karam index closed almost unchanged. Weiss predicted the positive

trend, barring any dramatic devel-

opments on the political front, was

likely to continue. Earlier yesterday, the High Court rejected a petition demanding that Prime Minister Binyamin Nemnyahu be indicted for fraud in a decision his aides said closed the door on the Bar-On Affair.

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"Today's court ruling added to investors' confidence and there is less uncertainty oow," Weiss said. Eyal Kolka at Sigma Securities said: "The general public is not returning to the market yet, but some are already testing the water." Kolka said investors had shown confidence the May Consumer

The CPI figure, released yesterday after the end of the trading day, rose 0.5% - well under analysis' expectations of 0.7%-0.9%. "Usually activity is relatively low

Price Index would be relatively low.

ahead of the CPI release, but the volume was very high today. If the CPI is lower than 0.7%, the Bank of Israel will lower its key lending rate," Kolka said before May's figure was announced. The Bank of Israel is scheduled to

announce its July monetary program, including interest rates, ext Monday. The base rate has been unchanged at 13.9% since the end of February. The most active shares were

Bank Hapoalim, which rose 1.5% to 823 agorot on volume of NIS18.6m. Bank Leumi, which climbed 1.5% to 543 agorot on numover of NIS17.4m.; and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, which fell 0.75% to 20,538 agorot on volume of NIS 14.1m.

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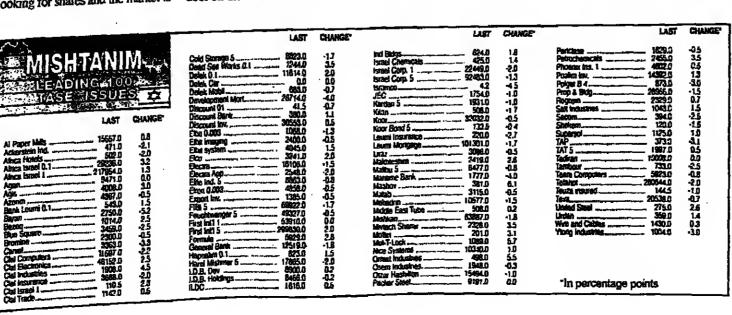
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### **SPORTS**

### **England keep same 13 for Lords Test**

LONDON (Reuler) - England's selectors named an unchanged squad of 13 yeslerday for the second Ashes Test against Australia starting at Lord's on Thursday,

Michael Athenon's team lead the six-match series 1-0 after winning the first lest at Edgbaston by nine wickets.

If all-rounder Adam Hollioake and left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell are again left out, England would be fielding the same 11 for the first time in 34 home Tests.

#### Souness confirms he will manage Torino

TURIN (Reuler) - Former player Graeme Souness confirmed his return to Italy yesterday to coach serie B side Torino. Souness, a former Scottish international captain who resigned last month as manager of English club Southampton, is expected to stay for at least two years.

Torino, once one of Italy's greatest clubs, finished this season ninth in serie B, their worst performance on record.

### Paul ince set to return to England

ROME (Reuter) - England international Paul Ince has confirmed that he plans to leave Internazionale Milan, Italian sports

newspapers reponed yesterday.

They speculated that the 29-year-old star, who has spent two seasons at Inter, would move to English premier league side Liverpool.

#### Alboreto drives Porsche to Le Mans victory

LE MANS (Reuter) - Italian Michele Alboreto realized a dream when he drove the Joest TWR Porsche prototype to the German leam's second successive Le Mans 24 Hours victory yesterday. It was a record 15th Le Mans win for Porsche and a fourth for the Reinhold Joest team, whose prototype designed by Briton Toni Walkinshaw followed victories in 1984, 1985 and last year. all with the number 7.

### Saturday's interleague baseball games

NY Mets 5, Boston 2; Cleveland 8, St. Louis 3; Baltimore 6, Atlanta 4, 12innings; Colorado 7, Oakland 1; Chicago Cubs 9, Milwaukee 5; Seattle 9, Los Angeles 8; Cincinnati 5, Chicago White Sox 1; St. Louis 5, Cleveland 2; Kansas City 8, Pittsburgh 3: Montreal 1, Detroit 0; Toronto 3, Philadelphia 2; Minnesota 6, Houston 1; Texas 8, San Diego 6; San Francisco 10, Anaheim 3.

### Bracken summoned from holiday to join Lions

DURBAN (Reuter) - England scrumhalf Kyran Bracken was summoned from a Caribbean holiday yesterday to join the British Lions as the replacement for injured Welshman Rob Howley on their South African tour.

Bracken had been enjoying the first day of a holiday in Tobago, unaware that the Lions wanted him to replace Howley who dislocated his left shoulder during the Lions' 42-12 victory over Natal at Kings Park on Saturday.

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YOUNG HOPEFUL - Mark Philippoussis conquers Queens, looks forward to Wimbledon. (Reusers

### Philippoussis wins Queens serving duel with Ivanisevic

LONDON (Reuter) - Australian Mark Philippoussis, the fastest server on the circuit, won the London grass-court title at Queens Club yesterday with a hard-hitting victory over fellow service specialist Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia.

The 20-year-old fom Melbourne served 15 aces in the 7-5, 6-3 win. There were only two break points in

first set and the eighth of the second - and Philippoussis, playing his most consistent tennis of the week, made no mistake.

Ivanisevic, like Philippoussis, a lofty 1.95 meters tall, slammed down 12 aces in the match which produced only a handful of rallies longer than four shots.

Top-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia beat Czech Petr Korda 7-6 (7-2), 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (9-7) to win the \$875,000 Gerry Webber Open grass court tournament in Halle Germany, while second seeded Felix Mantilla halted Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten's winning run at the \$328,000 Bologna clay court event with a 4-6.

### 6-2, 6-1 victory yesterday. Graf considers ending injury-plagued career

BONN (Reuter) - Steffi Graf, worried that chronic injuries could damage her long-term health, said at the weekend she is considering retiring from the game and would have no problem ending her career.

The German winner of 21 grand slam tennis titles in an unparalleled 15-year career also told Well am Sonntag newspaper that she was unhappy over the treatment she has received from one of her doctors.

Graf, who celebrated her 28th birthday in a physiotherapy clinic on Saturday, said the physician, Dr Hans Paessler, had failed to warn her about the dangers of returning to tournament play before a knee

injury had fully healed. "I am completely open on this question," said Graf about retirement when the newspaper's interviewer asked about the possibility.

# Schumacher wins Canadian **Grand Prix**

MONTREAL (Reuter) - Twice world champion Michael Schumacher of Germany regained the lead in the world drivers championship in chaotic and exceptional circumstances when the crash-hit Canadian Grand Prix was brought to

an early end yesterday. Schumacher, in his Ferrari, was leading after 55 of the the 69 scheduled laps when the race was redflagged to a halt three laps after Frenchman Olivier Panis had crashed heavily in his Prost car.

Panis was lifted carefully from the wreckage of his vehicle, put on a stretcher and taken to the circuit medical center while the race continued behind a safety car before being

#### By ORI LEWIS

Greek basketball club PAOK Salonika yesterday sent a fax to Maccabi Tel Aviv asking for the services of coach Zvi Sherf.

Rumors that the Greeks were interested in the coach had been circulating for the past few days, and last night Maccabi chairman Shimon Mizrahi confirmed that a fax concerning Sherf had indeed been received from the Greek club. Mizrahi told Channel 1's Mabat

that PAOK are willing to pay Sherf \$1.1 million for his services fered a broken right leg and a suspected broken right arm. He was said to be conscious and in a stable condition.

Schumacher was declared the victor by 2.7 seconds ahead of Frenchman Jean Alesi in a Benetton and Italian Giancarlo Fisichella in a

But he was fortunate to win because Briton David Coulthard. who was in a commanding 31 seconds lead after 50 laps, lost the ascendancy when he stalled after a pit stop and also because local hero and championship favourite Jacques Villeneuve of Canada had crashed out of the race in his Williams on the second lap.

### PAOK Salonika wants Zvi Sherf

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He made no hint, however, whether Maccabi would allow the coach to leave, although he stated that in the event that Sherf does go to Greece, his deputy at Maccabi, Yoram Harush, would be a prime

candidate to replace him. Sherf, who is also the national team coach, is currently in Spain as Israel prepares for the European Championship finals in a warmup tournament.

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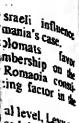
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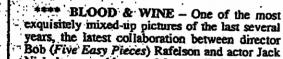
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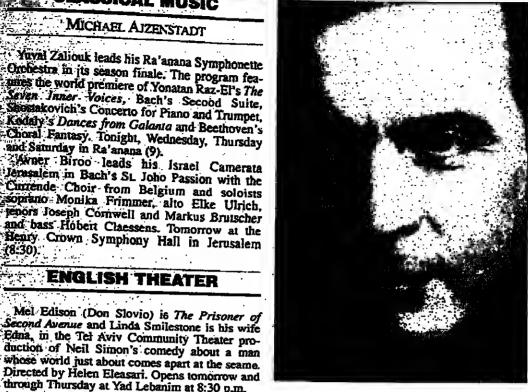
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exquisitely mixed-up pictures of the last several years, the latest collaboration between director Bob (Five Easy Pieces) Rafelson and actor Jack Nicholson combines a rich, novelistic sense of character with the plot twists of a junky genre flick. Nicholson stars as a well-heeled scoundrel of a Miami wine dealer who hatches a plan to steal a diamond necklace with the belp of an excon played by Michael Caine. The burglary, of course, does not go as planned, and things take a turn for the violent and eventually the deadly ... this is all a foregone conclusion. What separates B&W, though, from the tens of dozens of other films about failed heists and their aftermath is that The Simation is typical, but the characters aren't types. Also with Stephen Dorff, Judy Davis and Jennifer Lopez, one of the most genuinely beautiful young actresses to cross the screen in a long time. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)



Bassist Hubert Claessens plays with the Israel Camerata Jerusalem.

Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

\*\*\*1/2 THE ENGLISH PATIENT -Walching Anthony Minghella's Oscar-winning film after absorbing the clouds of second-band smoke blown our way by the PR people and by positive, if five-month-old, word of mouth from friends abroad, it's hard to grasp exactly what the great fuss was about. The picture seems, et this late date, little more than a respectably made bit of high-class kitscb, a sometimes moving, often rather silly love story set in a series of exotic locales and peppered with just enough linerary leavings from Michael Ondaatje's lyrical novel to make it acceptable to "discriminating" viewers. It's a rare film these days that dares venture such overwrought good looks and gushing emotions, and for this sensual extravagance Mioghella does deserve praise. The movie is admirably free of cynicism. (At two hours and 40 minutes, it's also much too long.) With Ralpb Fiennes, Kristio Scott Thomas and Juliette Binocbe, (Eoglish dialogue, Hebrew subtitles,



### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

-ACROSS

I Extensive weighbridge?

(5-5) 6 Partial electrical fault a httle lower (4)

9 Discharge tar compound (10)

10 Sun helmet—one goes on head (4)

13 Gigantic bird with a pretty tail, docked... (7)

15 ...love to preen, fussily, as first on field (6)

.16 Diarist of spirit? (6) 17 Provide own comforts, then

aee ecafront tidied up (7,4,4)

16A road-rail home for . lovebirds, for example (6) 20 Superior rose in cocktail? 21 Trained marines in higher course (7)

22 Ignore this spot! (4)

25 Foreign parts? (10)

26 Snoop for the bill, say (4)

27 Arrange only home matches for Bury? Good gracious! (10)

DOWN

1 Unproductive meadow to

the north (4) 2 Trick sure to work (4)

3 Cake to go like lightning in

France? (6)

4 How ice-skater makes a had impression? (4,1,4,6) 5 Short visit of family visiting convenience (4-2)

7 Go at police might make

one so sorry (10) 8 Fellow with fanciful tale, like Rumpelstiltskin (5-5) 11 Plot of showy violinist?

12 US legation turning sticky (10)

13 Tiee up numbers in street-rising (7)

14 Vessel to support schooner, for example? (7)

19 The old sign of those not quite gentlemen (6)

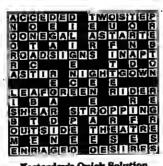
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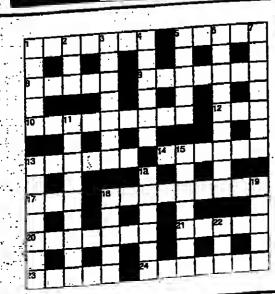
last carriage (4)

24 How does English agent make out? (4)

### SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Broker, 4 Window, 7 Tricolour, 8 Amok, 19 Sark, 11 Bogns, 13 Ticker, 14 Sacked, 15 Federa, 17 Caffan, 19 Dread, 20 Bowl, 22 Dear, 23 Navigator, 24 Carafe, 25 Dirad. Carafe, 25 Dirndl.
DOWN: 1 Result, 2 Kirk, 3 Rector, 4
Walrus, 6 Nous, 5 Wicked, 7
Touchdown, 6 Racketser, 11 Beard,
12 Salad, 15 Fabric, 16 Arrive, 17
Canard, 18 Normal, 21 Lams, 22



### QUICK CROSSWORD

**ACROSS** 1 Ignores (anag) (7) 5 Fiery particle (5) 8 Circumference (5) 9 Single eyeglass (7)

10 Offend (9) 12 Legendary bird (3) 13 Large bottle (6) 14 Abscond (6) 17 Decompose (3) 16 Vehicle for carrying the sick (9)

20 Friendly (7) 21 Baffling question (5) 23 Finger or toe (5) 24 Remedial treatment (7)

DOWN 1 Austere, stiff (5) 2 Freshwater fish S The Moor of Venice (7) 4 Oriental skiff (6)

5 Because (5) 6 Determine definitely (9) 7 Patella (7) 11 Alarming (9) 13 Advanced, bold (7) 15 Blot out (7) 16 Aim, demur (6) 18 Scope, limits (5) 19 In advance (5)

22 Mineral spring (3)

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7:00 TV Shop 14:30 The 700 Club

5:00 Gerbert

Menace

15:30 Dennis the

16:00 Larry King

Challenge 17:45 Beakman's

18:35 Saved by the

19:30 World News

Tonight 20:00 Cosby Show

Bell 19:00 Showbiz

20:25 Mr. Bean

22:05 Matlock 23:00 CNN

Murder

20:50 Major Dad 21:15 Diagnosis

17:00 Family

23:15 Homicide

6:30 News flash 6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Time 7:00 Good Morning

8:00 Television and

n CHANNEL 1

n EDUCATIONAL TV

the Presidency 8:30 Basic Arabic 9:00 Reading 9:20 Nature 9:45 Programs for the very young 10:15 Sciences 10:40 English 11:10 Social Sciences 11:40 Tolerance 12:10 Sciences 12:30 History 13:00 Plain Clothes 13:50 Cartoons 14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:35 Quentin Quack

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23:30 News 00:00 Daily Verse n CHANNEL 2

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18:00 Singbed
19:00 Pacific Blue
20:00 News
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n JORDAN TV

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fines 19:35 Murphy Brown 20:00 Discover magazine 20:30 Murder She Wrote

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n MOVIE CHANNEL 11:30 Stolen Children (Italian, 1992) - drama about e neglected sis-ter and brother who

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The Thin Blue Line

Lovely (1951) - British musical about a theater producer who gives a starring role to a chorus girl rumored to be the girlfriend of a millionaire. With David Niven

n CHANNEL 8 6:00 Open University 8:05 Wings of the Red Star, part 10 (rpt) 9:00 Return to the

22:30

23:00

Sea, part 7 9:30 A Concert of Polish Music 11:50 An Evening with Mahler 11:25 B.B. King Live at the Apollo 12:20 Bobsled Track, San Monitz 12:45 World on a Plate (rpt) 13:15 Travelogue (rpt)

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-AIDS; Living on the Edge: High Renaissance Italy: Plants and People Plate, part 9 19;30 Travelogue: 20:00 Big City Metro, Part 9: Seoul 20:30 Investigative

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- Struggle For Democracy; Personal Finance; Aluminum Championship (mt) 17:15 International n SUPER CHANNEL

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America - Bolivia vs. Peru (rpt) n EUROSPORT

Euro Open Series Portugal 11:30 Basketball: Nomen's Europea Hungary 13:00 Nascar: Winston Cup Series 15:00 Soccer: World Youth Championship. 18:00 Soccer: World Cup Legends 19:00 Auto: 24 Hours

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7:30 Insight (rpt) 8:30 Global View

9:30 World Sport 11:30 CNN

Edition

Newsroom 12:30 Future Watch 13:30 American

13:45 Q&A (rpt) 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport 15:15 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia

16:00 Impact

19:30 O & A

17:30 World Sport

18:30 Earth Matt

20:45 American

Today 21:30 World News

Today 00:30 World Sport

1:00 World View

Edition 21:00 World Business

22:00 Impact 23:00 European News

23:30 Insight 00:00 World Business

RADIO

n VOICE OF MUSIC

8:06 Morning Concert

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arias from "The Great

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Gottfried von Einenz

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17:00 Etnahta - live

from Henry Crown

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concertos

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Caruso"

1:00 Snooker; Euro n STAR SPORTS (unconfirmed)

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Championship, Canadian Grand Prix 13:00 Asian Socce 14:00 Soorts Magazine 14:30 Trans World 15:30 English Cricket

Grand Prix 1:30 Golf: This is

n BBC WORLD 7:30 Correspondent 8:00 Newsdesk 9:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 10:30 Correspond 11:30 Building Sights 12:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 13:30 Top Gear (rpt) 14:00 Newsdes 15:30 Correspondent 18:15 World Business

Report 16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 17:30 Film '97 18:30 Hard Talk with Tim Sebastian 19:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt) 21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)

22:30 Window on

Europe 23:30 Holiday

Business Report 1:00 Asia Today 2:10 Newsnight

voice and piano 19:00 Rainbow of Sounds 20:05 Rossini: Quintet no 4 in B flat for winds; Schubert Quartet movement in C minor D703: Mendelssohn: Symphony no 4 "Italian" 21:00 A Matter of Agreement 23:00 Just Jazz

### MOVIES

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in brief

### Labor officially accepts Zvilli's resignation

The Labor Central Committee yesterday approved outgoing party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli's resignation, which went into effect last night. Party chairman Ehud Barak will assume the authority of secretary-general for the next four months. Then he will either hold an election for a new secretary-general or appoint an administrative director-general for the party, as Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu did for the Likud. Sarah Honig

#### Netanyahu meets Yisrael Ba'aliya MK

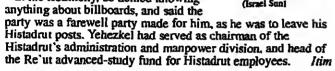
Yisrael Ba'aliya MK Tzvi Weinberg and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu spent about an hour yesterday, at the prime minister's initiative, discussing the crisis between the prime minister and the party. Weinberg said he told Netanyahu, "in a language he understands well [English], that the crisis is not an artificial one, but that a very serious situation exists." Weinberg complained about the fact that funds promised to aid in the absorption of immigrant scienusts have not yet been released and explained that the insistence on a qualified ambassador to Moscow is not "a frivolous prestige ploy." Sarah Honig

### Yehezkel denies charges in court

Labor MK Avi Yehezkel, who is accused of spending NIS 16,700 in Histadrut funds on his 1992 primary campaign and then covering the outlay with ficultious invoices, denied all the charges in tearful testimony in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court vesterday.

He is accused of ordering billboard posters, and the printing of campaign lit-erature in Romanian. He also is charged

with organizing a victory party for him-self at the Rishon Lezion country club, after he secured a place on the Knesset list. In his testimony, be denied knowing



#### **Weizman celebrates 74th birthday**

During the opening ceremony of a ceramics exhibition by Israeli artists at Beit Hanassi yesterday, Reuma Weizman informed the guests that it was her husband's 74th birthday. The singer who was to perform at the ceremony then led the crowd in singing "Happy Birthday" to President Ezer Weizman. *Itim* 

#### Mordechai meets with Ross

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and US peace process coordinator Dennis Ross met in Los Angeles yesterday and exchanged views on reviving the peace process, the Prime Minister's Office announced.

It also said Mordechai then went to Arizona, where he examined and flew in the "Long Bow" version of the Apache heli-copter, the US Army's next attack helicopter. Jerusalem Post Staff

#### Olmert lawyer asks witness return to stand

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert's attorney has requested defense witness Menahem Atzmon be recalled to the witness stand, after Atzmon denied testimony about bim given by Prof. Ya'acov Ne'eman. In April, Atzmon testified that he did not remember having a conversation with Ne'eman relevant to Olmert's trial for allegedly raising funds for Likud illegally. However, when Ne'eman testified earlier this month, he outlined the conversation. Atzmon has denied this version and the defense asked he be given a chance to refute Ne'eman's testimony. The court gave the prosecution until Friday to consider the request.

#### CPI Continued from Page 1

The clothing and footwear index rose 4.8%, with clothes becoming more expensive by 5.7% and

footwear by 1.6%.
Fruit and vegetable prices rose 1.2%, the main increase was in the cost of fresh fruits, up 16.1%, while fresh vegetables dropped 11.5%.

Other foods rose some 0.6%. Transport and communications also increased by 0.6%. The communications sector contributed the lion's share to this rise (up 3.3%).

The health index rose 0.4%, parucularly because of increases in health insurance costs. The cost of home upkeep

increased 0.6%; cleaning materials were up 3.1%, for example. However, furniture and larger domestic items fell 0.2%.

The largest single decline was in housing prices (-0.6%). Buying apartments became cheaper by 0.7%, while rental accommodation rose 0.1%.

With relatively low CPIs expected over the next few months, economists say they expect an early reduction in interest rates, with Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel possibly announcing a cut later this month.

Dan Galai, joint managing director of Sigma Portfolio Selection Consulting & Management Ltd. said the relatively low CPI will be of particularly good news to the stock exchange. It should encourage a reduction in interest rates, he said.

The governor could easily reduce rates by 1% and a total 2% over the next six months. Whether he does it in one fell swoop or over five installments wouldn't make that much difference," he said.

### COURT

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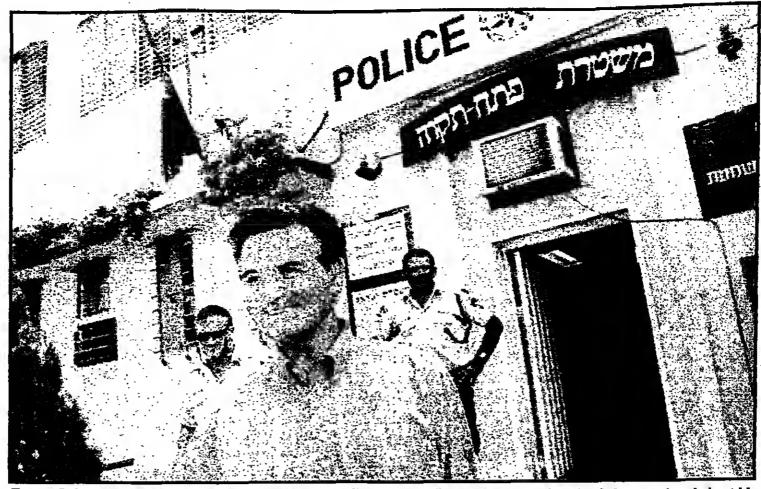
Three other petitions calling on the government to establish a judicial commission of inquiry were turned down at the previous court session. Handing down its reasons yesterday, the court said that the government's decision not to do so was "not highly unreasonable."

The rulings were read out by Zamir to a packed courtroom. Asked about the "gray area" mentioned by the court, State Attorney's

Office representative Uzi Fogelman said that "the bottom line" was that the court had upheld the state's version as being reasonable. "There is no universal truth and there are always dissenting opinions about what is right or wrong," he said.

"Our task is to state unequivocally what is night and wrong according to law," Rubinstein said in response to a question, while Arbel, who has spent the better part of the past five months dealing with the affair, added: 'The issue has now moved into the court of public opinion and we have completed our role."





Former Labor secretary-general Nissim Zvilli leaves the police station in Petah Tikva yesterday after being questioned about his

## Police question Zvilli about Ben-Ari case

Conservative, Reform delegation

optimistic after meeting with Netanyahu

By RAINE MARCUS

Outgoing Labor Party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli testified to police yesterday that before the 1996 elections, Zvi Ben-Ari, formerly known as Gregory Lerner, offered him free air time on Russian satellite television. Zvilli said that after checking the legality of the offer, he refused it.

Lemer's offer was against the political parties financing law,"
Zvilli said, adding that be had met

By HAIM SHAPIRO

A delegation of leading rabbis

from the Conservative and

Reform movements in Israel and

the US emerged from a meeting

with Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu with no promises that

the conversion bill would be

shelved, but confident that the

premier geouinely wishes to

be a marathon of talks between

the noo-Orthodox leaders and

members of the Israeli establish-

ment, including what one mem-

reach a compromise.

with Ben-Ari three times.

Zvilli's testimony was the first in a series expected to be given this coming week by MKs and ministers. National Investigations Chief Sando Mazor convened with the National Crimes Squad chief Dep.-Cmdr. Moshe Mizrahi yesterday to prepare a list of those to be questioned. Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky and Yisrael Ba'aliya MKs Yuli Edelstein and Yuri Stern are expected to be questioned about contributions allegedly received or

ber of the delegation described as

Orthodox rabbis in key posi-

tions." The only Orthodox politi-

cians they are to meet are

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy

and MK Shaul Yahalom, both of

the National Religious Party.
Meeting with Netanyahu last

night were Reform rabbis Eric

Yoffie, president of the Union of

American Hebrew Congregations,

and Conservative rabbis Reuven

Hammer, head of the Rabbinical

Assembly of Israel, Gil Nativ, its

spokesman, Joel Meyers, execu-

and Uri Regev, director of the

offered by Ben-Ari. Labor Party leader Ehud Barak also probably will give evidence, along with MKs Haim Ramon and Sofa Landver.

Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz also has recommended that tax authorities investigate Ben-Ari's financial activities bere.

Ben-Ari is suspected of defrauding Russian banks of \$85 million, financial irregularities here, bribing civil servants and bank employees, involvement in the murder of a banker in Russia and

tive vice president of the

Rabbinical Assembly of America,

and Jerome Epstein, executive

vice president of the United

[Netanyahu] said he wants a solutioo," Yoffie said.

is a good chance of a reasonable

solution. Yoffie continued. It was

clear to the prime minister that

would be a disaster, otherwise he

Regev described the meeting,

would not have initiated last

night's meeting, Yoffie added.

Netanyahu told them that there

"It was a positive meeting.

Synagogue of America.

plotting to kill another. The last two allegations are no longer being investigated here.

unprecedented.

Regev said.

An appeal against his remand in custody was rejected by Tel Aviv

District Court yesterday. His lawyers claimed that he is being discriminated against, since all his employees, initially on remand, have been placed under house arrest. But the court ruled that Ben-Ari is the "head brain and beart" behind the allegations and

There was a real readiness by

the government not to postpone

any solution indefinitely or to put

forward synthetic solutions,

However, Hammer pointed out

that the coming two-and-a-half

days of talks would be critical.

by which our converts can be

registered as Jews, but which

would at the same time give the

Orthodox the feeling that these

people were not exactly regis-

At the same time, the

Conservative leader said his

movement has no intention of

withdrawing its petition to the

High Court of Justice, asking it

to order the government to recog-

nize as Jews a number of adopted

The High Court has given the

government until June 30 to

answer the petition, and the

coalition is attempting to pass the

Meyers noted that the American Jewish community is

watching Israel very carefully,

especially after the incident on

Shavuot, in which a group of

non-Orthodox Jews praying in the Western Wall plaza was

attacked by haredim and forced

to leave after police said they

Netanyahu "acknowledged

that terrible incident," Meyers

said, but made no further refer-

However, Epstein added, that incident, like the conversion bill,

is a symptom of a bigger prob-

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could not protect the group.

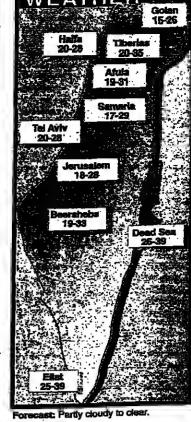
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AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawings, the winning cards were the 10 of spades, queen of hearts, 9 of diamonds, and 10 of clubs, and the 7 of spades, king of bearts, jack of diamonds, and 10 of clubs.

### Sinead O'Connor receives in which a prime minister met with top non-Orthodox leaders local death from Israel and abroad, as

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

threat

Police reinforcements will likely be added Saturday night to of all the concert by Sinear O'Connor at Jerusalem's Sultan's Pool, following death threats against the singer received 10 days ago by the British Embassy. in Tel Aviv.

The anonymous caller did not give a motive, just said that if Irish singer came to perform here, she would be killed. The embassy passed on the warning to the police and the Irisb Embassy.

lrisb Ambassador Brendan Scannell said be passed on the contents of the threat to

O'Connor's agent.
Published reports said intelligence sources believe that the threat was made on behalf of a far-right Jewisb group, opposed to the purpose of the open-air concert. O'Connor's performance is the climax of five days of cultural and political events sponsored by Bat Shalom, a feminist center, and its Palestinian counterpart, the Jerusalem Center for Women, on the theme of "Sharing Jerusalem - Two

Capitals for Two States." The week's events, which begin tomorrow, include music, an art exhibition entitled "Down with the Occupation '87-'97." tours of Jerusalem, and panel discussions between Palestinians and Israelis.

Saturday night's concert will be preceded by a joint Israeli-Palestinian march from the Damascus Gate to the concert site, to demand the establishment of a Palestinian state with eastern Jerusalem as its capital. A meeting is to be beld this:

morning between the event's organizers and the police, to determine the exact route of the parade, and whether the marchers may fly the Palestinian flag.
The city is upset over the polit-

ical nature of the concert, which is being funded by the European Community, the Ford Foundation, the Danish Embassy, and the French, Belgian, Swedish, and Spanish consulates.
When they signed the contract, they said it was a column event, not a political event," said a city spokeswoman. "Otherwise they wouldn't have received per-

Gina Benevento, associate producer of the week's events, said the charge is unfounded. "We didn't misrepresent ourselves,



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